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HOMER-STEVENSON NOTES, BOSTON

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Over sixty years ago, Thomas Homer Dixon published a 27-page account of the Homer family which is entirely inadequate and, as far as the English ancestry is concerned, entirely misleading. The material here presented is not the result of exhaustive research, but may be considered a basis for further investigation, and an aid to other students of genealogy who in the future may wish to extend the research. In this first chapter the identity of Margery Stevens, wife of Captain John Homer, will be considered.

The original records of Boston, Volume 9, Boston Marriages 1689-1720, under [page 3] "Registry of Marriages within the Town of Boston entered Ann^o 1689: 90:91: 92: 93: 94: 95" contain [page 11] the entries:

Michael Homer & Mary Burroughs w^r Mar^d by } July 13 1693
Rev^d Cotton Mather Ministr^r }

John Homer & Margery Stephens w^r Mar^d by } July 13 1693
Rev^d Sam^l Willard Ministr^r }

It will be borne in mind that, although these marriages occurred on the same date, Mather was pastor of the Second (Old North, later New Brick) Church, and that Willard was pastor of the Third (Old South) Church.

It has been suggested that Michael and John Homer were brothers, but proof has not been found, nor have their wives, Mary Burroughs and Margery Stevens, been positively identified. A careful survey of the Stevens families and records in and near Boston, in the seventeenth century, has failed to elicit Margery's parentage, with the exception that, in the Third Church, the one in which she was married, we find baptised, 14 Nov. 1686, a Thomas Stevens and wife Esther, and their children: Thomas; Roger; Benjamin; Margaret; Mary; and Sarah. Captain Homer and his wife Margery (Stevens) Homer named their children: John; Mary; Benjamin; William; Michael; Robert; Thomas; and Mary. The names Margery and Margaret were often used interchangeably.

In 1891, Mrs. Ellen Doane (Manson) Winchester (born 1835), a daughter of Eben and Ellen (Homer) Manson, sent some information on the family to the late F. L. Gay. The Gay Manuscripts, beautifully written and bound in red leather are in the possession of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. The Homer data in the Gay Manuscripts will be considered in detail later. Mrs. Winchester stated that John Homer was married "to Margery Stevens, daughter of Thomas and Ester Stevens." Much of her data was based on family Bible records and material gathered by Rev. Jonathan Homer.

A second statement of Mrs. Winchester's is to the effect that "Margery Stephens" was aged 27 when married and then gives the date of the marriage as 1696. However, the actual year was 1693, so Margery could have been born in 1669 or 1666. Whether the age was arrived at from her supposed age at death (which varies as to year and age according to the writer), or whether it was actually known that she was born in 1669 or 1666, is not certain; also whether it is known that her parents were Thomas and Esther, or if someone, noting that the marriage was recorded in the Third Church, consulted those records and found the Margaret baptised therein in 1686, is not clear. It seems not unlikely that Rev. Jonathan Homer examined these records or had someone examine them. But, in a careful search, the only possibility thus far found for her parentage is the said Thomas and Esther.

There is not the slightest doubt that several early men of the Stevens name in Boston were connected with Maine; see the fine Libby-Davis-Noyes, Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire, page 558.

Jacobus, Granberry and Allied Families, 1945, considers an early Thomas Stevens of Boston, with wife Sarah, whose son Thomas, was born in 1651 in Boston. The latter may, or may not, have been the witness Thomas Stevens, aged 29 in March 1681, an Essex County case. Thomas the husband of Sarah was a baker by trade owning land at the corner of Prince and Salem Streets, and had children born at Boston 1648-1663.

Second, Thomas and Mary Stevens had a son Thomas born at Boston, 20 May 1658.

Third, Henry and Alice Stevens had a son Thomas baptised at First Church, Boston, 11 July 1658.

Fourth, Edward and Mary Stevens had a son Thomas born at Boston, 15 Apr. 1669.

Fifth, Thomas and Margaret (Forly) Stevens had a son Thomas born at Boston, 6 May 1674. Some record of the parents will be given below.

Sixth, Thomas and Esther Stevens, as already mentioned, had Thomas, Margaret and other children baptised

at the Third Church, Boston, 14 Nov. 1686.

Seventh, George Kelley, with sureties John Sweete and Michael Martin, all of Boston, was appointed, 15 Oct. 1673, administrator of the estate of "his late brother in law Thomas Stevens deceased....in Roanoke." [Suffolk Probate, 612.]

Eighth, Thomas Stevens, a "Boateswayne" of the ship George of Bristol, appears in Court, 18 Nov. 1680, about the ship's master and wages. [Records of the Court of Assistants, 1:173-4.]

Ninth, considerable information is available about the Thomas Stevens, born about 1620, of Maine, who married the widow Margaret Watkins. [Gen. Dict. Maine and N.H.; Superior Court of Judicature, 1959; New Eng. Hist. Gen. Register, 21:354; 44:170; Suffolk Deeds, 57:223.]

Referring to the Thomas born in 1674 (listed fifth above), we have some data on his parents, from Suffolk County Court, Session 28 Apr. 1674: "Thomas Stevens bound over to this Court to answer for his committing Fornication with his now wife (Margaret formerly Margaret Forley) before marriage shee being now with childe by Fornication all which hee Owned in Court, the Court sentenced him to bee whip't with Fifteen stripes & his wife to be whip't with ten stripes within one month after her next delivery of Childe or to pay five pounds in many five to the County & fees of Court standing committed till the Sentence bee performed & to give caution to the Selectmen of Boston to save the Town from charge or to remove with his wife to Newbury Where-to shee doth belong."

Idem, Session 27 Oct. 1674: "Order for Margart Stevens returning to Charlestown The Court Orders that the Clarke grant a warrant to the Constable of Boston to return Margaret Stevens the wife of Thomas Stevens to Charlestown the place of her abode. Shee being left there by her husband & provided for: the Court declaring that if any matter of charge happen by her & a dispute should arise about the same, that the Law is open: and that the Ferrimen doe not abridge her of passing too & again as other persons doe." [Records, Suffolk County Court, Colls. Col. Soc., 29, 30.]

If our Margery Stevens was born in 1666 or 1669 (or for that matter as late as 1672), she could not have been a daughter of the above Thomas and Margaret (Forley) Stevens. Who was the Thomas Stevens who married in 1696, Sarah Place, named a daughter Margery, and had a son Place Stevens who owed money (as his estate records show) to Mrs. Margery Homer? It seems very probable that this Thomas was brother of Margery (Stevens) Homer, and the son (baptised 1686 but born earlier) of the Thomas with wife Esther.

Family of Thomas and Sarah (Place) Stevens

Thomas Stevens, possibly born in Maine, about 1675, baptised in the Old South or Third Church of Boston (together with Roger, Benjamin, Margaret, Mary and Sarah), 14 Nov. 1686, died in Boston by 20 July 1724, intestate, son of Thomas and Esther (—) Stevens and brother of Margery (Stevens) Homer; married (intention at Boston, 13 July 1695), by Rev. John Bailey, then of the First Church of Boston, 9 Apr. 1696, Sarah Place, born at Boston, 11 July 1674, died there, 30 Nov. 1723, buried in Copps Hill Cemetery, daughter of John and Sarah (Lovering) Place. Her age at death is given as 39, 52 and 55; she was really 49.

"Upon ye 9th of April 1696 I maryed in my house in Boston Thomas Stevens & Sarah Place both of Boston being legally published." [Watertown Vital Recs., 4:103]

John Place, a mariner, son of Peter and Alice Place, baptised in Boston, 1 Sept. 1650, was taxed there in 1674 and 1681; administration of his estate granted to the widow, Sarah, 27 Apr. 1687; he married, about 1673, Sarah Lovering, sister of William Lovering [who married Margaret, daughter of Rev. Robert Gutch, and was an ancestor of the compiler], and of Jane Lovering [who married John Pride, for whom Pride's Crossing is named]. These Loverings were originally of Maine [see compiler's "Lovering Manuscript," 1932, also New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Register, vol. 102].

Sarah (Lovering) Place married secondly, about 1686, John Bushnell, and was again a widow in 1703, having had a son John Bushnell, born 4 Aug. 1687, Boston, perhaps also Jane in 1689 and William in 1691. Her Place children, besides Sarah (Place) Stevens, were (born in Boston): Hannah, 10 July 1679; Joanna, 7 Jan. 1681, who married Joseph Place of Kingston, R.I.; and Jane, 18 Apr. 1683, who married Anthony Underwood of Boston [see York Deeds, 18:253]. On 28 July 1682, John Place, mariner, of Boston, and wife Sarah, mortgaged their house and land in the North End of Boston, wherein Peter Place decd., formerly lived, this property being on the northwest side of Hanover Street between Cross and Parmenter Streets; on the margin the mortgagee, Madam Elizabeth Winsley, acknowledged payment, 21 Feb. 1688/9, from "John Bushnell who married the Relict of John Place" [Suffolk Deeds, 12:256; see also 5:88; 11:49].

A Thomas Stevens was taxed in Boston, 1695, and signed a Boston petition, 1696 [Boston Rec. Com. 1: 163; Mass. Archives, 113:139]. This may have been the father. Thomas Stevens, from Boston, a shipwright, lived in 1695 [1696?] in Joseph Ryall's house, in Charlestown, Mass., and had a wife Sarah who was a "Member of ye North Church in Boston," according to

Wyman [Charlestown Genealogies and Estates, p. 899]. His eldest child and namesake was born and baptised there in October 1696. When Thomas married, in April 1696, he was called of Boston, and he was certainly again of Boston 5 June 1698, so his stay in Charlestown was of short duration. Thomas and Sarah Stevens had baptised in the Third (Old South) Church in Boston: Place, 5 June 1698; Sarah, 4 Aug. 1700; and Thomas, 4 Jan. 1701/2; this was the same church in which the children of Thomas and Esther Stevens were baptised in 1686.

The deeds of Thomas in Boston always describe him as a joiner, or a carpenter of interior finish. In Charlestown he was called a shipwright, or ship carpenter. Thomas Stevens of Charlestown, shipwright, recovered judgment against John Row, of the same, shipwright, 22 Dec. 1696, for £8-17-04, and one and a half acres of land there were accorded to him, which on 15 Apr. 1697, being still of Charlestown, he sold for £8 to Ebenezer Phillips of same, victualler, his wife Sarah resigning her dower right [Middlesex Deeds, 12:40, 41, 42].

There are two deeds from Joseph Plaice of Kingston, R.I., yeoman, and wife Joanna, "one of the daughters of John Plaice, mariner, late of Boston, decd.," the first being on 20 Oct. 1703 to Anthony Underwood of Boston, turner; and the second on 25 Oct. 1703 to Thomas Stevens, "Joyner," of Boston, conveying their rights in a dwelling house of Peter Plaice father of John Plaice which said Peter bought of Matthew Chase in 1650, now in the possession of Sarah Bushnell, widow [Suffolk Deeds, 24:181, 182].

There are also two tripartite deeds of division, dated 1 Jan. 1703/4 and 21 Jan. 1703/4, between Thomas Stevens of Boston, joiner, and wife Sarah, and Anthony Underwood, turner, and wife Jane, both described as daughters of John Place, and Sarah Bushnell, formerly widow of John Place; the second deed recites that Stevens and Underwood have lately purchased of Joseph Plaice of Kingston, R.I., and his wife Joanna, the remaining daughter of said John Plaice, the said Joanna's portion [*Ibid.*, 24:183; 21:448].

On 24 Sept. 1709, Thomas Stevens, joiner, of Boston, owing Capt. Nathaniel Cary of Charlestown £150. 8s., mortgages to Cary his rights to a double house on Middle Street, referring to the tripartite deed of 1703, and his wife Sarah releasing her dower; Cary then conveys his rights to Capt. Samuel Turrell, 26 Aug. 1724; and on the margin Turrell acknowledges full payment made to him by Place Stevens, 15 Dec. 1729 [*Ibid.*, 24:237; 38:41].

Thomas Stevens died before 20 July 1724, when Place Stevens, mariner, with bondsmen Edward Richards, joiner,

and Thomas Stevens, joiner, all of Boston, was appointed the administrator of the estate of his father, late of Boston, joiner, deceased. The inventory of the estate of "Mr." Thomas Stevens, made by John Nicholls, Edward Richards and James Cary, and filed 3 Aug. 1724, came to £212:10:10. The account, 11 July 1726, presented by the administrator, mentions the expenses of the funerals of his father and the latter's wife, also speaks of "brother Thomas," and "sister Mary," a mortgage on the deceased's property, etc. A second accounting, 30 July 1729, mentions the house and the mortgage on it, the property then coming to a total of £343:08:00. [Suffolk Probate, 4942.]

The estate was further settled by deeds. On 1 Dec. 1729, Plaiice Stevens of Boston, joiner, as administrator of the estate of his father, Thomas Stevens, late of the same, joiner, his wife Susanna releasing dower, conveyed to Thomas Foster of Boston, housewright, the house and land in Boston bounded by land of Anthony Underwood and formerly property of John Place, referring to the tripartite deed, and the same day Foster (with wife Anne releasing dower) conveyed the same property to Plaiice Stevens. Then, on 15 Dec. 1729, Place Stevens, joiner, and wife Susanna, conveyed to their loving brother, Thomas Stevens, rights to the property on Middle Street; and the next day, Thomas Stevens, joiner, and wife Mary, mortgaged to Plaiice Stevens, joiner, for £75, his rights to the property bounded by Anthony Underwood. This mortgage was released on the margin, 16 Sept. 1732, by Susanna Stevens [autograph], wife of Plaiice and as his attorney. [Suffolk Deeds, 44:22; 46:62; 44:250.]

The sisters of Place and Thomas Stevens, with the youngest brother, Benjamin, later conveyed their interest in an informative deed. On 14 Feb. 1736, Isaac Hatch of Hanover and wife, Sarah; Jonathan Rogers of Newbury, tailor, and wife, Margery; Joseph Dyar of Weymouth, husbandman, and wife, Jane; Benjamin Stevens, mariner, and wife, Elizabeth; Mary Aubin, Widow; and Hannah Stevens, single woman; the last three of Boston; reciting that Sarah, Jane, Benjamin, Mary, Hannah, and Margery are children of Thomas Stevens, late of Boston, decd., and of Sarah, his wife, also decd., said Sarah having been one of the daughters of John Place, late of Boston, mariner, decd., conveyed to "our brother," Thomas Stevens of same, joiner, all rights to land in Middle Street bounded by land of Anthony Underwood and formerly possessed by "our parents," the house being formerly occupied by the said John Place, and quoting from the tripartite deed. Witnessed by Anthony and John Underwood, Benjamin and Mary Dyar, and Samuel Poole, Sr. and Jr. Benjamin Stevens did not sign un-

til 1738. Perhaps he was away at sea when the deed was drawn. Thomas Stevens, joiner, of Boston, sold the Middle Street property to John Clark, physician, 5 Mar. 1739; his wife Mary released dower. [*Ibid.*, 53:41; 58:263.]

Children of Thomas and Sarah (Place) Stevens, all but the eldest born in Boston:

- i. Thomas, b. 22 Oct., bapt. 25 Oct., 1696, Charlestown; d. young. (*New Eng. Register*, 28:449.)
- ii. Place, bapt. 5 June 1698; a mariner; d. intestate by 15 Jan. 1733/4; m. Boston, 25 July 1726, Susanna Pettell, by whom he had issue. On 15 Dec. 1730, Place Stevens and wife Susanna mortgaged to Madam Mary Saltonstall, widow, guardian to the children of William Clark, merchant, decd., their house and land on Middle Street (Suffolk Deeds, 44:25). Susanna Stevens, widow, with sureties Thomas Stevens, joiner, and George Hews, tanner, all of Boston, was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, Place Stevens, late of Boston, decd., 15 Jan. 1733/4. The inventory of the estate of "Mr." Place Stevens decd., made 21 Jan. 1733/4 by Anthony Underwood, Joseph Ricks and Edward Marion, came to £348:08:06, mainly real property, attested by the widow the next day. The estate was insolvent, and 4 Apr. 1734 the commissioners, Joseph Ricks, Edward Marion and Anthony Underwood made their return. Among the creditors were Mr. Edward Marion, Mr. Thomas Stevens, Mr. John Rachell, Mrs. Margery Homer (2s., 8d.), Mrs. Susannah Wright et als. An account, 17 Mar. 1735, mentions property mortgaged to Mr. John Clark, valued at £325, and which was forfeited as no bidder appeared to buy it in; also, the allowance made to the widow and her two children. (Suffolk Probate, 6537.) The will of Susanna Stevens, dated 8 Jan. 1753, proved 19 Mar. 1763, named sons Thomas Stevens and William Edes. (*Ibid.*)
- iii. Sarah, b. 29 July, bapt. 4 Aug., 1700; alive 1742; m. 8 June 1721, Boston, Isaac Hatch of Scituate and Hanover; they had issue at Hanover born between 1723 and 1742, the eldest being Stephen Hatch.
- iv. Thomas, bapt. 4 Jan. 1701/2; d. 6 May 1761, Boston, bur. Copps Hill; m. int. 28 Apr. 1729, Boston, Mary Lawrence, b. 23 Feb. 1706/7, Charlestown, d. 9 May 1785, aged 74 (78?), Boston, bur. Copps Hill, dau. of Benjamin and Anna (Phillips) Lawrence. Wyman says he was from Sheepscot, Me.; he may have lived there a few years. On 17 May 1742, John Barton of Boston, housewright (wife Katherine releasing dower), sold to Thomas Stevens of Boston, housewright, land in South End; the next day, Stevens (wife Mary releasing dower) mortgaged the premises to James Smith of Boston, merchant, John Underwood being a witness; mortgage released 23 Jan. 1760 (Suffolk Deeds, 63:

- 104, 106). Thomas Stevens drew his will 5 Feb. 1761, proved 22 May 1761; wife Mary to be executrix and residuary legatee as long as she remains a widow, if she marries just her thirds; rest to the children, Benjamin, Lawrence, Mary, Sarah, and Anna wife of Joseph Eyres (Suffolk Probate). On 7 July 1785, Benjamin Stevens, trader, and wife Hannah, with Joseph Eyres, housewright, and wife Ann, conveyed to John Taylor, trader, two-thirds of a house and lot, late the property of their mother, Mary Stevens, decd., and now in possession of said Taylor and wife, on west side of Purchase Street (Suffolk Deeds, 150: 97).
- v. Jane, b. abt. 1704; d. 6 Dec. 1806 ae. 99, Weymouth; m. 27 June 1726, Weymouth, Joseph Dyer, whose grandfather, Christopher Dyer, was of Maine. They had issue at Weymouth between 1727 and 1746, among them a son, Stevens Dyer. See Hist. of Weymouth, v. 213.
 - vi. Mary, b. abt. 1706; m. (1) — Au5in, perhaps a Huguenot; a widow in 1736; m. (2) 3 Nov. 1742, Boston, John Thomson.
 - vii. Benjamin, b. abt. 1708; a mariner, living 1739; m. 23 June 1731, Second Church, Boston, Elizabeth Graham.
 - viii. Margery (probably named for her aunt, Mrs. Homer), b. abt. 1710; m. 6 Aug. 1735, Boston (int. 12 July 1735, at Newbury), Jonathan Rogers of Newbury. They had issue at Newbury.
 - ix. Edward, b. May 1712; d. 8 Aug. 1712 ae. 3 months, bur. Coops Hill.
 - x. Hannah, b. abt. 1714; living unkm. 1739, Boston.

(Note: The Thomas Stevens of Scituate who m. 25 Dec. 1702, by Willard, in Boston, Mary Holland, was son of Thomas of Pejepscot, Maine; see New Eng. Register, 34:190, and Dict. of Maine and New Hampshire.)

Family of Capt. John and Margery (Stevens) Homer

John Homer, mariner, born perhaps in the west of England, or in Warwickshire, about 1647, died in Boston, Mass., 1 Nov. 1717, and, according to the records of Kings Chapel, aged 70 years. He married in Boston, ceremony by Rev. Samuel Willard of the Third, or Old South, Church, 13 July 1693, Margery "Stephens," probably born in Maine, about 1669, died in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1762, age at death given as 95, 96 and 98, daughter of Thomas and Esther (——) Stevens.

It is evident that John Homer was a Church of England man, for he never joined any of the Bible Commonwealth faiths, nor were his children baptised in them. Kings Chapel, at the time of his death, was Church of England.

The name of Homer was apparently confined, in the

neighborhood of Boston, to but two men, John, and his probable relative, Michael. (An exception may be the Robert Homard or Homer who appears in Suffolk County Court records, 1678-9, Coll. Col. Soc., 30.) No direct proof has been found that John and Michael were brothers, but since they married on the same day in Boston, and the former named a son Michael, it seems a reasonable assumption that they were so related. Furthermore, as we shall later see, John's son Michael was living in 1725 on property originally owned by the elder Michael.

As to the identification of John Homer of Boston, in the Homer Genealogy (1889), by T. H. Dixon, with the John baptised at Ettingshall, near Bilston, parish of Sedgley, Staffordshire, 20 March 1665, son of Edward and Anne (Gibbins) Homer, there seems to be no evidence. The Boston John had no children named Edward or Anne, after the alleged parents; the name Michael does not seem to occur in the Sedgley family; and the age of the John said to have been baptised there in 1665 is some eighteen years at variance with the recorded age of our John at death.

The first known historian and genealogist of the family was the Rev. Jonathan Homer, A.M., S.T.D., a great-grandson, born in 1759, a few years before Margery (Stevens) Homer died. Much of the data given to F. L. Gay by Ellen Doane (Manson) Winchester, maternally descended from Capt. John Homer, is evidently based on the research of Dr. Homer. And in 1854, when Jackson published his History of Newton, it was stated (p. 310) that Capt. John Homer came from the west of England, from Warwickshire.

John Homer took no part in the civic affairs of Boston. As a mariner, he was doubtless away much of the time. We do know that, in 1706, he lived, a tenant of John Ricks, in the North End, and on the northwest side of Hanover Street, between Mill Creek and Cross Street. This is shown by a mortgage deed, 27 Dec. 1706, from John Ricks of Boston, tailor (with wife Charity), for £100, to Richard Cheever of Boston, cordwainer, covering a house and land in the "Tenure and Occupation of John Homer Marriner formerly belonging to William Ricks late of Boston deceased ffather of sd Ricks," near the Mill Bridge and bounded by land of the heirs of Samuel Ward decd., now and late of Henry Butterfield, the road to the Mill Bridge, and by land of Phillip Landon and John "Eustice"; when the rights of this property (then Middle Street) were conveyed by Cheever's heirs to Daniel Pecker, 27 Dec. 1715, no mention is made of Homer or of any other tenant [Suffolk Deeds, 28:88; 30:104].

As previously explained, in 1891 two written statements were made about the Homer family by Mrs. Winchester, which are preserved in the F. L. Gay Manuscripts,

to which Mr. Gay added a few notes. Briefly, she stated that Michael and John, "undoubtedly" brothers, came about 1670 to Boston; the former being surely here by 1676 when he petitioned the General Court; and that Michael left no issue [sic]. John married, at forty-five, to "Margery Stevens, daughter of Thomas and Ester Stevens," he was born in 1647 and died in 1717, his widow survived and died at Yarmouth, nearly one hundred. The children are then listed and the son Michael carried forward. Her second paper states that John was born in the west of England in 1647 and was married to "Margery Stephens," who was aged twenty-seven, in 1696 [sic], by Rev. Samuel Willard of the Old South Church. [How her age was arrived at is not clear.] "Margery died at her son Benjamins at Yarmouth between 90 and 100." The children are then listed as:

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| i. Mary, b. June 1693, d.y. | (no such daughter) |
| ii. John, b. 8 May 1694 | (8 Aug. 1694 also given) |
| iii. Benjamin, b. 7 May 1697 | (8 May 1698, B.R.C. 9) |
| iv. Mary, b. 6 May (no year), d.y. | (7 May 1696) |
| v. William, b. 23 June 1701 | (29 June 1701, B.R.C.) |
| vi. Michael, b. 23 Sept. 1703, d. 1760 | (26 Sept. 1703, B.R.C.) |
| vii. Robert, b. 29 Mar. 1706 | (29 May 1706, B.R.C.) |
| viii. Thomas, b. 30 May 1707 | (6 May also given) |
| ix. Mary, b. 11 Aug. 1708 | (Aug. 1708, also given) |

The family of John Homer, the first, was taken by J[onathan?] from a Bible of J[ohn?], who was connected as a clerk, or wine cooper, or seller of wines, etc., in the store of Andrew Belcher, the first, the father of [Gov.] Jonathan Belcher of Mass., and last of N.J. [This is important: did Mr. Gay ask Mrs. Winchester how she obtained the data about Capt. John Homer and his family, and was this her reply?—that she had secured it from the Bible, or from a copy of Bible records made by Rev. Jonathan Homer? If so, possibly this old Bible contained the information that Margery, wife of Capt. John, was a daughter of Thomas and Ester Stevens.]

She continues with the statement that Robert Homer [son of Capt. John] was the most married man of all the Homers; his sons were sent to Boston to the care of his brother, Michael, with their mother for their education and plenty of silver with them, about 1745; the mother returned to her husband, and afterwards Robert and his wife embarked for final residence in Boston, with their property, from Honduras, but perished by shipwreck. "The late David H. was the son of —, who died at 93, Boston. Charles Homer, Esq., son of Eleazer. Numerous applications were made to Mr. Homer for his silver in exchange for the — notes." It is evident that Mr. Gay could not understand just what she meant by some of the above. The notes may refer to the colonial paper

money, subject to depreciation as a result of the French War. "His sons were dressed as lads of rich parents while their father lived to transmit monies for their support and education," undoubtedly refers to Robert. Her statements about Michael and others will be included in their respective accounts. She was evidently, as was perhaps Mr. Gay, a descendant of Michael.

Tradition asserts that Capt. Homer was master of a ship that sailed between London and Boston. Mention has been made of the association, following his retirement from the sea, of Capt. Homer and the Belchers. Andrew Belcher, father of the governor, died in Boston 31 Oct. 1717, a wealthy and prominent merchant [Belcher Family, 1941, p. 26].

The Admiralty Records and Suffolk Files, 1629-1729, contain the same references for John Homer, viz.: vs. Caswell, no date (25287); John Homer vs. Daniel Newman, no date (28061, 28109). Capt. Homer has no recorded deeds, nor do we find any mention of him in the many sources examined. There is no settlement of his estate.

When the memorials to the Homer family were erected in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, it was stated that John, born in 1647 in England, died 1 Nov. 1717, Boston, and that his son, Michael, born 23 Sept. 1703, died 28 Apr. 1760. Of course neither was actually interred in that cemetery. We know that John was buried in Kings Chapel Burial Ground, in Boston, "From Great Britain," a Captain, aged seventy, 6 Nov. 1717. The old Sextons' Bills in Boston give the burial as 2 Nov. 1717. Possibly the dates for John and Michael, as they appear in Mt. Auburn, were copied from the family Bible?

Children of Capt. John and Margery (Stevens) Homer, born in Boston:

- i. John², b. 8 Aug. 1694; d. by 19 Dec. 1738, a housewright of Boston; m. (1) 9 May 1716, Boston, by Wadsworth, Ann Morter; m. (2) 26 Jan. 1726/7, Boston, Mary Belknap, b. 15 Oct. 1694, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Buttolph) Belknap; she survived him and passed many deeds. On 9 Jan. 1725/6, John Homer was bapt., "a man," in the New Brick Church, with his dau. Anna. Mary, perhaps his wife, was bapt. there 17 May 1730. On 19 Dec. 1738, Mary Homer, widow, was granted administration on the estate of John Homer, late of Boston, housewright, decd.; there was some £200 in land; also silver plate at £44. (Suffolk Probate, 7247.) Children b. at Boston, by Ann: (1) Jacob, b. 26 Apr. 1717; prob. d. inf.; (2) Ann, b. 15 Oct. 1721; m. 23 July 1742, John Thwing, as his second wife, and had John, bapt. 3 June 1744, New Brick Church (see Thwing Gen., 1883, p. 25); by Mary, (3) John, b. 23 Dec. 1727; a John Homer was at Louisbourg, 1745. (New Eng. Register, 25:251; see

- also 42:153; 13:17; and B.R.C. 15:61.) On 2 Sept. 1729, John Homer, housewright, bought of Francis Bolland, land at southwest corner of Chardon and Hawkins Streets; he mortgaged land in 1733 and 1734, and sold with wife Mary in 1738 (Suffolk Deeds, 44:33; 48:50, 269; 56:201; his widow appears in 58:164).
- ii. Mary, b. 7 May 1696; d. young.
 - iii. Benjamin, b. 8 May 1698; m. Elizabeth Crowell; vide post.
 - iv. William, b. 29 June 1701; d. by 9 Mar. 1764, mariner, prob. s.d. He signed a petition at Kings Chapel, 25 Aug. 1745. On 16 Dec. 1762, William Homer, a mariner, with Benjamin Cobb, bought a house and land on the corner of Chardon and Bowdoin Streets, of Samuel and Mary Pemberton (Suffolk Deeds, 102:24). On 9 Mar. 1764, John Homer, merchant, with sureties William Bowes, merchant, and Edward Carnes, rope-maker, all of Boston, was appointed administrator of the estate of William Homer, late of Boston, decd., no trade mentioned; the Letter calls him a mariner; no heirs named nor any relationships expressed (Suffolk Probate, 13419).
 - v. Michael, b. 26 Sept. 1703; m. Sarah Kneeland; vide post.
 - vi. Robert, b. 29 May 1706, a merchant in Honduras, sent his sons to Boston to be educated, perished with his property en route to retirement in Boston. Robert Homer appears in Suffolk Files, 20390. Perhaps the Robert who d. 24 Oct. 1822 ae. 92, bur. Granary, was one of his sons. Also note that Margery, dau. of Robert and Jane, d. 1755 ae. 15, bur. same. He was the ancestor of a Charles (son of Eleazer?) who m. a dau. of Horatio Sprague and had issue; and perhaps of David who d. ae. 93 in Boston; vide ante and B. R. C.
 - vii. Thomas, b. 6 May 1707; m. 10 June 1736, Boston, by Cooper, Lydia Kill. No further record.
 - viii. Mary, b. 11 Aug. 1708.

Unplaced: Avis Homer, m. 9 July 1730, Boston, by Welstead, Nathaniel Brewer; also, a John Homer, 1744 (B. R. C. 17:66).

(To be Continued)

THE CHILDREN OF REGINALD DE DUNSTANVILLE,
EARL OF CORNWALL

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The life of Reginald de Dunstanville, Earl of Cornwall and feudal baron of Castle Combe, illegitimate son of Henry I by Sibyl, dau. of Robert Corbet, a Shropshire baron, has been the subject of much study. A good account is found in the Dictionary of National Biography.

(1) He was born between 1110 and 1115 and died at Chertsey, 1 July 1175. He married about 1140 a daughter of William FitzRichard, a great landowner of Cornwall. Her name is not known with certainty, though she is said by some to have been called Beatrice. (2) That he contracted a second marriage to an Agnes de Cornwall, daughter of a British Duke Cadoc, Earl of Cornwall, is, in the opinion of the present writer, doubtful in the extreme. (2) Certainly it appears that Beatrice was the mother of his children.

By the daughter of William FitzRichard he had issue: (3)

1. Hawise (sometimes called Denise or Dionesia), who married Richard de Reviers, Earl of Devon. They had two sons: Baldwin and Richard, both of whom died without legitimate issue, and without known illegitimate issue. (4)

2. Maud, married about 1165, Robert, Count of Meulan (or Meulent). There were many children of this marriage and descendants were numerous in England and France. (See G.E.C., VII, 739-742. See also Anselme, vol. 5, p. 124, under Harcourt, for line not included in G.E.C.)

3. Sarah, married Adémar V, Vicomte de Limoges, succeeded to the title 1148, killed 1199. It was Adémar's castle that Richard Coeur de Lion was besieging when he was felled by an arrow. According to Richard (5), Philippe de Cognac, an illegitimate son of Richard Coeur de Lion, during the same year brought about the death of Adémar in retaliation for his father's death, and then sought safety with his uncle, King John; from which time Philippe disappears from history.

Sarah and Adémar had the following children: (6)

1. Guy V, Vicomte 1199-1230, had nine children including Guy VI whose daughter Marie, Vicomtesse de Limoges in 1275, married as his first wife Arthur II, Duke of Brittany, Earl of Richmond (born 1262), by whom she had three sons: John, Guy, and Piers.
- ii. William de Peterin, dead 1223.
- iii. Marguerite, m. (1) a son of Aimeri VI de Rochechouart, (2) Boson, Seigneur de Grignols.

- iv. Aigline, m. a son of William Gordon.
- v. Humbert, m. Geoffrey, Sire de Lusignan, son of Hugh VIII.
- vi. Marie (or Marguerite), m. Ebles VI, Vicomte de Ventadour.

4. Nicholas, said by some to have been a bastard. However, he predeceased Reginald, leaving no known issue, certainly no legitimate issue. Eyton (7) believes Nicholas to have been legitimate.

The following illegitimate children are credited to Reginald, all said to be by Beatrice de Vannes, lady of Torre and Karsdale: (3)

5. Henry FitzCount, sometimes called "Earl of Cornwall," born before 1175, died about 1221 either in the Holy Land or in Gascony on the way there. He held his father's county of Cornwall in fief, but does not appear ever to have been made Earl of Cornwall. He is not known to have left any descendants.

6. William, nothing known but his name.

7. John FitzCount, a godson of King John. Parson of Banbury.

In addition to the above, many authorities credit him with a daughter Ursula, wife of Walter de Dunstanville, who became in her right feudal baron of Castle Combe. (3) However, Eyton (8) shows in a manner that is completely conclusive to the present writer, that Walter actually married Hawise or Sibyl de Préaux, who occurs as his wife in 1194, and who married second, Engeran de Préaux, who occurs 1199 and was dead in 1229, having issue by both husbands. The manor in question (Castle Combe) had belonged to the Dunstanville family, was held by Reginald, then restored to Walter on Reginald's death. This does not necessarily mean that he obtained it with Reginald's daughter. It passed on to Walter II de Dunstanville, who was the son of Hawise. If indeed he had had issue of an earlier wife Ursula, daughter of Reginald, that child should have inherited the mother's property. Eyton then proceeds to show that all the earlier documents cited to prove the marriage of Ursula to Walter were forgeries. (9)

The History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family (10) on unknown authority adds two more daughters: an Agnes de Cornwall who married Andre de Vitrei and a Maud who married Robert de Vere. Daughters of these two marriages, Mathilde and Alicia respectively, are said to have married Henry de la Pomerai II (son and heir of Henry de la Pomerai who died 1135 and who had married Rohesia, sister of the whole blood of Reginald de Dunstanville, Earl of Cornwall) and his son Henry III. It should be noted that errors in this book are such that all statements should be verified before accepting them. However, since the New Complete Peerage has cited it as

authority on this family (11), it becomes necessary to examine the above statements.

At the start it may be observed that the first marriage would involve first cousins of the whole blood. The second would involve a double cousin relationship, both first and second. Neither marriage was then permissible without dispensations, yet no dispensation is reported. Furthermore, neither a daughter of Reginald who married an Andre de Vitrei, nor one who married a Robert de Vere, is elsewhere reported. With regard to the latter, it is of course possible that the Pomeroy book has confused this "Maud" with the known daughter Maud who married Robert of Meulent, though no daughter Alicia is found for this Maud. In the New Complete Peerage appears a good study of the cadet branches of the de Vere family (12), as well as that of the Earls of Oxford, but neither account shows a Robert who married a daughter of Reginald de Dunstanville, nor one whose daughter married a Pomerai.

In Broussillon's La Maison de Laval (13) we find an excellent study of the de Vitre family. The André de Vitre of this period is easy to identify, and three marriages are shown for him. This is André II, sire de Vitre from 1173 to 1211. He married first, Mathilde de Mayenne, whom he disowned in 1189; second, Eustache de Retz; third, Lucy Paynel. His children do not include the daughter Mathilde said in the Pomeroy book to have married Henry II de Pomerai. Broussillon (Vol. V, p. 23-24) prints a charter of King John dated 1216, in which King John gave to Henry de la Pomeroy lands in Cornwall that formerly belonged to André de Vitre and had been forfeited by the latter. It can only be surmised that the statement in the Pomeroy book is based on assumptions of (a) the marriage of a daughter of Reginald to André to bring him the lands, and (b) the marriage of a daughter of André to Henry to pass them on. Such assumptions would, of course, be unwarranted. No other evidence appears, nor have we discovered any authority for the first names of these wives as given in the Pomeroy book. (14)

For the reasons stated, the writer believes that the list of children of Reginald de Dunstanville must be limited to those shown above, and the only descents that can presently be shown are those from the daughters Maud and Sarah.

Notes and References

1. Dictionary of National Biography, vol. 47, p. 422.
2. Weis, Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists, Line 121, generation 26, shows references. However, note that his mistress was also a Beatrice. Can the name have been confused? G.E.C. gives

no first name. Regarding the Agnes marriage, G.E.C. is also silent.

3. New Complete Peerage, G.E.C., Vol. III, p. 429 (Cornwall); Vol. XI, Appendix D, pp. 107-8 (Bastards of Henry I). Dictionary of National Biography, Vol. 47, p. 422. Eyton, Vol. VII, p. 159. Sanford, Genealogical History of the Kings of England, Book I, pp. 50-52. Brandenburg's Die Nachkommen Karls des Grossen simply quotes Banks's Baronage on this family.

4. New Complete Peerage, G.E.C., Vol. IV, pp. 312-315. On failure of this line, the Earldom of Devon devolved on the cadet line of de Revers, also called de Vernon. This line also descended from Reginald de Dunstanville, through Maud de Meulan.

5. Richard, Histoire des Comtes de Poitou, Vol. II, p. 365.

6. Courcelles, Histoire de Pairs de France, Vol. 4, p. 9, article on de Combarn.

7. Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, Vol. VII, p. 159.

8. Ibid., Vol. II, p. 282 and chart, p. 296.

9. Ibid., Vol. II, pp. 301-304. Weis in his Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists, Line 121, generations 27 and 28, quotes as an authority for this daughter Ursula's marriage to Walter de Dunstanville, Mrs. F. Rose-Troup's Honour of Harberton (Devonshire Society, Vol. 67, pp. 253-284). However, there is no reference to Reginald, Earl of Cornwall, to his daughter Ursula, to Walter de Dunstanville, or to the marriage of a daughter (Hawise) of Walter to Roger de Valletort (or Vautort); in fact, this reference shows an entirely different marriage of the last-named to an unidentified "Alesia." The argument in Weis seems based on the inheritance of Trematon Castle in Cornwall. The Honour of Harberton shows this to have been in the possession of Roger de Valletort in 1269. How he came by the castle is not shown, but by the text it appears to have been in the family for a long time. This writer is unable with references at hand to trace down this part of the evidence. However, note the following.

From the Victoria County Histories, Devon, Vol. 1, p. 570, under the heading of "The Mortain Fees": "The chief vavassour of the Count of Mortain in Devonshire ((this refers to Robert, Count of Mortain, uterine brother of the Conqueror)) was Reginald de Valletort whose fief is known as the Honour of Trematon, from Trematon Castle, its chief seat in Cornwall. It is described in 1166 as consisting of 59 small fees and included, besides the estates held in Devonshire and Cornwall by Reginald de Valletort at the time of Domesday ((note that)), the ancient desmesnes of Maker, Sutton and Kingstemerton, also one estate held by Hugh de Valletort under the Count, viz. Batson, and one, Spriddlecombe, held by Donne. It continued in the Valletort family until 1270, when Roger granted it to Richard, King of the Romans and Duke of Cornwall, and the heirs of his body." Pages 558-560 discuss the Honour of Harberton, giving a little of the information supplied by Mrs. Rose-Troup, but containing no mention of Dunstanville.

10. History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family, Vol. I, pp. 45-49.

11. New Complete Peerage, G.E.C., Vol. XI, Appendix D, p. 119.

12. Ibid., Vol. X, p. 191 et seq. (Oxford); Appendix, pp. 110-120 (The Early Veres).

13. Bertrand de Broussillon, La Maison de Laval, Vol. I, p. 273 et seq.

14. The Honour of Harberton, Rose-Troup (Devonshire Society, Vol. 67), pp. 262-265, shows several generations of Pomeroy, starting with Henry de la Pomeroy, son of Henry and Mathilde, livery of father's lands 1194/5, married Alice de Ver, died 1207. Henry de la Pomeroy, son of Henry and Alice, livery of father's lands 1208/9, married Joan daughter of Roger de Valletort, died 1220. The line continues. No references for the de Ver or the earlier Mathilde are given. One may speculate whether these two items may have been taken from the Pomeroy book.

This same article (Honour of Harberton), pp. 278-282, casts considerable doubt on the Champernoun descent (Weis, op. cit., Line 24, generation 28).

BIBLE AND FAMILY RECORDS OF THE PECK AND LAY FAMILIES
OF LYME, CONNECTICUT, AND ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Copied, Checked and Annotated
By John Insley Coddington and Walter Charlton Hartridge

Seth Smith⁶ Peck, M.D., was born at Lyme, Conn., 23 Aug. 1790, son of John⁵ Peck of Lyme and his first wife Rebecca Smith, and descended through John⁴ and Catharine (Lay) Peck of Lyme, Joseph³ and Susanna (Griffin) Peck of Lyme, and Joseph² and Sarah (Parker) Peck of New Haven and Lyme, from William¹ and Elizabeth (—) Peck of New Haven [see Darius Peck, A Genealogical Account of the Descendants in the Male Line of William Peck, Hudson, N.Y., 1877, pp. 60, 126, and New Haven Genealogical Magazine, vol. 6, pp. 1383-1387].

Dr. Peck was married at Lyme, 14 Sept. 1815, to Sarah⁶ Lay (Elisha⁵, John⁴, Edward³, "Drummer" John² the elder, John¹ Lay of Lyme), born at Lyme 9 Oct. 1791. Dr. and Mrs. Peck's eldest child, Mary Lay⁷ Peck, was born at Lyme 17 July 1816, and their four younger children were born between 1818 and 1830 at Whitestone, Westchester Co., N.Y. The Peck family moved about 1834 to St. Augustine, Florida, and lived there for the remainder of their lives. Dr. Peck died at St. Augustine 21 July 1841 (not 5 July, as stated in the Genealogical Account, p. 60), and Mrs. Peck died there 16 Aug. 1879, aged 88 years and 10 months. Dr. Peck was for many years the only physician in St. Augustine or its vicinity, and was in consequence a prominent and busy man in the community. He bought a fine old Spanish house, which is now called "The Old Spanish Treasury," the basement of which was evidently used as the paymaster's office during the period of Spanish colonial administration. Dr. and Mrs. Peck did over the main and upper floors of this house and furnished it excellently in the early nineteenth-century Connecticut manner, chiefly with furniture, pictures and bric-a-brac brought by

ship from Connecticut.

After Dr. Peck's death, Mrs. Peck and her children continued to live in the house. The only Peck son, John Elisha, became a doctor like his father, and died unmarried at St. Augustine in 1887. Only one of the Peck daughters, Lucy, ever married. Her husband was George Burt (1817-1893), a native of Vermont. The house was occupied for many years by Dr. and Mrs. Peck's spinster daughters, Mary Lay Peck (1816-1912) and Rebecca Peck (1818-1912), and they bequeathed it to their spinster and sole surviving niece, Miss Anna Burt (1850-1931). At Miss Burt's death, 28 May 1931, the whole posterity of Dr. Seth Smith⁶ Peck became extinct, and Miss Burt bequeathed the house to the city of St. Augustine as a museum. As "The Old Spanish Treasury," it is now administered by a Board of Directors, to whom and in particular to one of whom, Mrs. Benoni Lockwood, the compilers wish to express their grateful thanks for permission to copy the records from the Peck and Lay Family Bibles which now repose in one of the upstairs bedrooms of the house.

PECK BIBLE

[Title page:]

THE / HOLY BIBLE / CONTAINING THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS
.... / New York: / Published by White, Gallaher and
White, No. 108 Pearl Street / 1830

[Handwritten note on top of the title page:]

Presented by the Rev: Parker Adams a few days before
his death to Sarah Peck. He died at St. Augustine June
10th 1835.

Family Register

Seth Smith Peck. Born / August 23 - 1790.

Sarah Peck. born Oct. 9 / 1791.

Seth Smith Peck and / Sarah Lay his wife were / Married
14th September 1815.

Seth Smith Peck — died July 21st / 1841 — aged 50
years and 11 Months.

Mary Lay Peck - born - 17 July / 1816.

Rebecca Peck - born 27 July / 1818.

John Elisha Peck born 12th Dec. / 1821.

Lucy Rockwell Peck — born July / 8th 1827.

Sarah Peck — born April 7th / 1830.

Sarah Peck died June 19th 1836 / aged 6 yr. 2 Month.

[A poem "On the death of Mary Lay," by Mary Sill, is
pasted on the last page of the Family Register.]

Inscriptions, Huguenot Cemetery, St. Augustine, Florida

SETH S. PECK, M.D. / Born August 9th 1790 / Died July
21st 1841.

Mrs. SARAH PECK / Wife of Dr. Seth S. Peck / Died August 16, 1879 / Aged 88 Years, 10 Mos.
 LUCY ROCKWELL BURT, / Wife of George Burt / and Daughter of / Dr / Seth S. Peck / Born July 8th 1827 / Died at St. Augustine / March 22, 1857.
 ALICE BURT / Daughter of George and / Lucy R. Burt / Died July 24th 1854 / Aged 2 yrs. 3 mos.
 CHARLES BURT / Died January 4th 1877 / Aged 22 Years 7 Months 3 Days.

Inscriptions, Evergreen Cemetery, St. Augustine, Florida

LUCY ROCKWELL BURT, / Daughter of George and Lucy Rockwell Burt / Born January 23, 1857 / Died April 29, 1887.
 GEORGE BURT / Born September 8, 1817 / Died October 26, 1893.
 ANNA C. [G.?] BURT / Born May 22, 1850 / Died May 28, 1931.
 JOHN E. PECK, M.D. / 1821-1887.
 REBECCA PECK / 1818-1910.
 MARY LAY PECK / 1816-1912.

LAY BIBLE

The Bible from which the following records were copied was evidently once the property of Francis Ingraham⁷ Lay, born at Lyme, Conn., 18 Sept. 1795, son of Ezra⁶ Lay (b. at Lyme 19 Sept. 1763, d. there 15 April 1822) and his wife Lydia Ingraham (d. at Lyme 1 Dec. 1801 in her 35th year). Ezra⁶ Lay descended through William⁵, John⁴, Edward³, and "Drummer" John² the elder from John¹ Lay of Lyme. Francis Ingraham⁷ Lay was a first cousin once removed of Sarah⁶ (Lay) Peck, wife of Dr. Seth Smith Peck. How this Lay Bible came into possession of the Peck family is not known.

[Title page]

Collins's Stereotype Edition / THE / HOLY BIBLE.... / New York: / Printed and Sold by Collins and Co. / 1818.

[Signature on title page:]

Maria Lay / Febuary [sic] 24th 1824.

Family Record
Marriages

Francis Lay was / married To Maria Norton / by the Rev^d Jn^o DeWitt / on the morning of the / 20th of June 1821.

Births

Francis I. Lay Son / of Ezra⁶ & Lydia Lay / was Born In Lyme / Connect on the 18th / Sept 1795.
 Maria Norton / Daughter of Sam^l / & Elizabeth Norton /

was Born In Albany / Oct 28th 1796.
Francis Ezra Lay was / Born on the morning / of the 5th
of Dec^b 1822.
Mary Elizabeth Lay / Born on the morning / of the 27th
June 1824.
Maria Louesa [sic] Lay / born on the morning of / the
20th Sept. 1825.
Demias Harriet / Born the Evening / of the 20th July
1827.
Infant Daughter / Born on Monday / morning 25th May /
1829. Died 13th June / following.
Infant Daughter born / 28th May 1830 and / Died 19th
June following.
Francis W^m Lay was Borne / on the 18th April 1832.

Deaths

Francis E. Lay Died / at Albany on the 1st / Day of
March 1823.
Maria Louesa Lay / Died at Albany on / the 25th Nov^r
1825.
Infant Daughter of / F.I. & M. Lay Died at / Lyme 13th
June 1829 / aged Two weeks & five / Days.
Francis W^m Lay Died at Lyme / on the 11th July 1832, /
aged 2 month & 23 days.
Francis I. Lay / Died at Lyme on / the 5th of April
1838.
Maria Lay / Died at Lyme / Sunday evening / May 12,
1861 / Age 65 years & 6 months.

FROM A GENEALOGIST'S NOTEBOOK

Under this title it is planned to publish from time to time notes from the files and notebooks of various workers in the genealogical field. The items published will vary in length, from a fraction of a page to a page or two. All genealogists, whether professional or amateur, in searching original unpublished records, have found now and then the solution of difficult problems, the identity of a "missing wife" when a marriage was not recorded, or the identification of a man who moved about considerably. We shall be pleased to receive short notes, with references, of this type, for publication. The files of professional genealogists contain much matter of this sort, some of it no doubt embedded in reports made to clients years ago, often to clients no longer living. In such cases it seems fair to release, not the complete reports, but some of the data contained therein, data drawn from the public records and thus not intrinsically of a private or confidential nature.

I. JAMES BARRETT OF BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,
AND SOUTHLINGTON AND WATERBURY, CONN.

Contributed by Donald Lines Jacobus

James Barrett and Mary Wormall, both of Bridgewater, were married at Middleborough, Mass., 5 Sept. 1723 [The Mayflower Descendant, 4:72].

They had eight children recorded at Bridgewater, whom we number below in order of birth:

1. Martha, b. 4 Oct. 1725.
2. Solomon, b. 25 Oct. 1727.
3. Stephen, b. 17 Apr. 1730.
4. Mary, b. 12 Mar. 1732.
5. John, b. 5 Mar. 1733/4 [twin].
6. Joseph, b. 5 Mar. 1733/4 [twin].
7. Sarah, b. 9 Apr. 1736.
8. James, b. 29 Mar. 1738.

Mitchell's History of Bridgewater (1840) does not give the origin of James Barrett and says, "This family soon removed from the town."

On 11 July 1740, James Barrit of Farmington bought 60 acres "between y^e mountains," and his last deed was a conveyance of land in Southington parish, supposed to contain 104 acres, with two dwelling houses and a barn and fruit trees [Farmington Deeds, 6:302; 10:197]. As will appear, a ninth child, Robert, was born probably about 1740, around the time of removal to Southington (then a parish in Farmington), and missed recording. Southington Church Records show that James Barrett was admitted a member 24 Apr. 1743 and had three children baptized, of whom:

10. William, bapt. 15 May 1743.
11. Experience, bapt. 7 July 1745.

His wife probably died about this time, as the marriage of James Barrit, bride's name omitted, is entered on 10 Dec. 1747 by the minister of the Southington Church. She did not long survive, for at Farmington is recorded [Deeds, 9:12] the marriage of James Barrett to Esther Brownson on 20 Dec. 1753. The date is probably an error for 1752, as note the following records of the first child:

12. Esther, b. 28 Oct. 1753; bapt. 22 Dec. 1753.

Upon selling out in Southington, the family moved to Waterbury, Conn., where two children of James and Ester Barrett were recorded and the death of the father on the same page [Waterbury V. R. 1:327]:

13. Philip, b. 2 Nov. 1755.
14. Richard, b. 1 Apr. 1758.

James is stated to have died 14 Oct. 1767 in his 88th year, but surely this is a gross overstatement and most probably meant for 68th year; for it would make him 45

years old at the date of his first marriage, and 78 at the date of birth of his fourteenth and youngest child.

Administration on the estate of James Barret of Wat-
erbury was granted 3 Mar. 1768 [Woodbury Probate Dis-
trict, File 315]. A schedule showing what some of the
heirs had received in the lifetime of James names Jeams
Barret, Mary Woodroffe, Martha Bronson, Sarah Barret,
Joseph Barret, and Experience Barret. The distribution
dated 26 Dec. 1768 was made to Widow Esther Barret; Sol-
omon Barret the eldest son; and the "Rest of the Heirs
viz"—John, Joseph, Jeams, Robert, William, Philip,
Richard, Sarah, Mary, Martha, Experience and Esther, of
whom all were of full age except Philip, Richard and
Esther. It thus appears that thirteen of the fourteen
children survived.

Of these children: Farmington Vital Records show the
marriage of Martha Barrett on 30 May 1759 to Charles
Brownson, and that of Joseph Barrett on 6 Oct. 1756 to
Mary Cogswell. William Barrett married at Southington
Church, 7 Aug. 1766, Ruth Cogswell, and his death is
recorded there 6 May 1819 aged 77. The son James mar-
ried at the First Church, Farmington, 3 Dec. 1761, "Ann
Coronton," and settled in Wethersfield, where he had
his marriage and the births of eight children recorded,
1762-1777; the wife's name is here spelled Anne Caring-
ton. James of Wethersfield died in 1777, his will be-
ing dated 14 July and proved 12 Sept. of that year.
Records of some of the other children could presumably
be found.

II. NOTES ON NATHANIEL DUNHAM OF WRENTHAM AND HEBRON

Contributed by Donald Lines Jacobus

A genealogy of the Dunham family, published in 1907,
poorly arranged, poorly indexed, and containing many
erroneous and impossible statements, gives a line of
descent from John¹ Dunham of Plymouth through Joseph²,
whose son Nathaniel³ is said to have married Mary Til-
son and to have settled in Hebron, Conn., where he died
12 Mar. 1731. It refers to a will of Nathaniel made in
1727, and states that Nathaniel's son Thomas was born
in 1695 and married Sarah Wright of Wrentham, Mass.

These statements have not all been thoroughly check-
ed, but the following comments may be made. Plymouth
records prove that Nathaniel Dunham of Plymouth who
married Mary Tilson was not identical with Nathaniel
Dunham of Wrentham, Mass., later of Hebron, Conn. Noth-
ing has been found in Plymouth records to show who the
Nathaniel of Wrentham was. He may be the Nathaniel
Dunham who was admitted freeman at Malden, Mass., 22
Mar. 1689/90 [New England Hist. and Gen. Register, 3:

347], but nothing has been learned of his antecedents.

Printed Wrentham Vital Records [1:65] give the birth of Mary Dunham (parents not stated) 3 Aug. 1690; and the following children of Nathaniel and Mary Dunham: Nathaniel, b. 10 July 1693; Thomas, b. 28 Apr. 1697; Nathaniel, b. 17 Jan. 1699/1700; Obadiah, b. 14 Oct. 1701; and Jabez, bapt. 18 June 1704. We also find recorded there [2:284] the marriage of Thomas Dunham to Sarah Wight [not Wright] on 8 May 1721. She seems to be the Sarah Wight born at Wrentham 19 July 1703, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Haws) Wight.

We have not seen the alleged will of Nathaniel Dunham in 1727; it is not found in the Hartford Probate District, which included Hebron at that time. Nathaniel Dunham died 12 May 1751; Mary widow of Nathaniel died 5 Feb. 1756. Apparently there was no will and probate action was delayed; for the inventory, although taken 28 May 1751, was not exhibited until 5 June 1753. Administration was granted, 1 May 1753, to Jabez Dunham, Jr., with Thomas Dunham and Jabez Dunham on his bond [Jabez son of Jabez Dunham was born 16 Feb. 1728]. There are receipts in the file from some of the heirs (Nathaniel Dunham, Obadiah Dunham, Jonathan White and John Phelps). On the face of it, this seems to be the estate of the old Nathaniel. [File 1092, credited to the Colchester District which turned in the papers, but actually belonging to the East Haddam District.]

Of the sons of Nathaniel, we find recorded in Hebron the marriage of Nathaniel Jr., 16 Dec. 1725, to Margaret Shattuck; of Obadiah Dunham, 7 Oct. 1724, to Esther Post; and of "Jabish" 17 Dec. 1725 to Abigail Neland. We find also the marriage, although it seems to have occurred at Wrentham (see above) of Thomas Dunham on 9 May 1721 to Sarah "Wright." The Hebron vital items are from the copy at the State Library which was made by the former Assistant Town Clerk of Hebron and is now included in the Barbour Index, and since it has not been verified, we cannot assert that "Wright" is an error for "Wight" in the original Hebron entry.

Several children of Thomas and Sarah (Wight) Dunham are recorded at Hebron. His will, made 28 Nov. 1770, proved 7 May 1771, names wife "Sary," sons Jonathan and Thomas, daughters Elizabeth "Finy" and "Methibel alger," and "grandafter Mary Tillison." [Colchester District, File 1093.] The will is fearfully written and spelled, and the name "Tillison" cannot be absolutely vouched for.

The Dunham book states (p. 235) that Dr. Obadiah Dunham, born 31 Mar. 1730, died at Cooperstown, N.Y., 17 Feb. 1813, married 22 Nov. 1754, Lucy Gillett, born 18 Feb. 1740, died 18 Feb. 1830, daughter of Joel Gillett and Mary Kelsey.

The birth of Obadiah Dunham is correct; he is recorded at Hebron as a son of Jabez and Abigail (Neland) Dunham. On 3 Nov. 1759, Obadiah Dunham, Jr., of Hebron bought land in Colchester, and called himself "of Colchester" on 23 May 1761 when he conveyed it, but he acknowledged his conveyance 12 June 1761 in Dutchess Co., N.Y., town not specified [Colchester Deeds, 7:404, 487]. During his brief residence in Colchester he had one child baptized, in 1760, and his wife's name was then entered as Lucy. He was of course called "Jr." when he purchased while still living at Hebron, to distinguish him from his uncle Obadiah.

His marriage to Lucy Gillett is not found recorded in any Connecticut town. Joel Gillett lived in Wintonbury Parish (now Bloomfield) in Windsor, Conn., and had a wife Mary, maiden name not known. The Kelsey Genealogy (1928) fails to provide a Mary Kelsey who could have married Joel Gillett. He had four children baptized at Wintonbury, 1738-1743, the second being Lucy on 18 Feb. 1739/40, the date which the Dunham book assigns to her for birth. On 31 Dec. 1744, Joel Gillett of Windsor, for £1350, sold several pieces of land in the Parish of Wintonbury, with buildings [Windsor Deeds, 7:257], which clearly included his homestead. In 1749 he had a child baptized in Amenia, Dutchess Co., N.Y., and the family appears in later records there, but no mention of Obadiah Dunham is found in the Amenia Church records.

Now it may be correct that Obadiah Dunham married Joel Gillett's daughter Lucy, but the following objections should be noted. The two families lived in different and non-adjacent towns in Connecticut. The Gilletts sold out in Windsor [Wintonbury] in 1744 and by 1749, when Lucy was only nine, were living in Amenia. She was only 14 in 1754, the date assigned for her marriage. Dunham was still of Hebron, his home town, in 1759, did have a wife Lucy by 1760 or earlier, but did not move to Dutchess County until 1761. In view of the unreliability of the Dunham book, it seems unsafe to accept this Dunham-Gillett marriage unless record of the marriage, or some kind of proof for it, can be adduced. If any reader can supply such proof, the objections will be cheerfully withdrawn.

NOTES ON DUTCH GENEALOGY
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE VAN RENSSELAER FAMILY

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(Addendum to article and answer to editorial note, 28:178-188)

Answering the Editor's Note appended to my recent article, I am indebted to him for providing me with an opportunity of using as a "face-saver" (although my face is decidedly red) his suggestion on page 187, volume 28, that "Zwene" may have been "merely one of those slips to which we are all liable at times," and that indeed Weyme was intended where I used the name Zwene. For on fol. 137^{vs} of the Recognitie Book of Harderwyk 1479-97, it is shown that on Nov. 19, 1488, Gerbrandt Ribbegingsz and Weyme his wife sold their "gued tot Reysnler ende toe maelstede met allen hoeren toebehoe- ren" (with all the appurtenances) to Hendrick Woltersz and they acknowledge having received payment.

For those unfamiliar with the great variety of early Dutch Christian names, it should be pointed out that Ribbegingsz, Ribbekins, is the diminutive form (think of Peterkin) of the early Dutch Christian name Ribbe.

Although this rectification contradicts the tentative suggestions made by the Editor, I trust that I do not impose on his good nature and space in the magazine by elaborating further on the facts in the case.

It would seem that when Hendrick Woltersz bought the Renseler he was single, otherwise his wife would undoubtedly have been mentioned in the deed. The Netherlands being a part of the Holy Roman Empire, and its counts and rulers being related by marriage to the Emperors and the rulers of other principalities, it was only natural that Roman Law prevailed, though sometimes with local customs imposed on it. As a matter of fact, the Netherlands still has the Roman Law system; no juries, multiple-judge courts. There was therefore community of possession between husband and wife, and it was not too long ago that the husband had by law the full management of both his and his wife's estate. For that reason, when transferring real estate, both husband and wife were always named as buyers or sellers. From a genealogical point of view, that is a great help because at least the Christian name of the wife is thus revealed.

So far as the children of Hendrick Woltersz are concerned, there is no evidence to place the births of any of them prior to his purchase of the Renseler in 1488. A record under date of 28 June 1524 (Harderwyk Rec. Bk. 1523-39, fol. 27^{vs} and State Arch. Dusseldorf Rep. & Hs. Inv. No. 1, fol. 75^{vs}) informs us that Geyse was

the eldest daughter of Hendrick Woltersz and Zw(a)ene when she and her husband Alert Otten received a half interest in the Renseler farm. Geyse had married Alert in 1509, hence could have been born 1489 or a bit later. So far as known dates imply, the other children could all have been younger than Geyse, and probably were.

The marriage of Hendrick Woltersz and Zwene has not been found in the Harderwyk records. The records of such early marriages are available mainly from entries of the so-called "morgen gaven"—"morning [after the consummation of the marriage] gifts," when the husband, if well-to-do, settled a sum of money or property on his wife. Such gifts were recorded on that day, showing that the marriage had taken place on the day before the deed.

The surname (van) Indyck in connection with Hendrick Woltersz' wife Zwene has not been found in the available records. A family of that name bearing the arms as shown on the grave stone—three mill rinds—is at present unknown, although the name in den Dyck appears a few times in the local records. There was a family of the name Indyck at Kampen, about twenty miles from Harderwyk [see my Schuyler article in New York Record, 69:5, note 1], but no connection is apparent, nor are their arms known. The grave stone was made about the middle of the 17th century. The family names and the arms of the quarterings thereon have been checked and all have been found to be correct, only the Indyck name and arms have so far not been solved.

Mr. H. de Vries, the author, is of the opinion that no apparent relationship existed between Hendrick Woltersz and the early van Renselers. A convincing argument to a Dutch genealogist is the fact that it took two generations—about 80 years—after obtaining the property, before they used the van Renseler designation as a surname. If blood descent had been combined with ownership, it is most probable that the name would have been adopted immediately.

With regard to surnames, which offer difficulty to non-Netherlanders, a friend wrote me recently: Early surnames were like a suit of clothes and were as easily changed. The great feudal houses changed surname according to their possessions, and differenced their arms. The main branch kept most often the original name. Of the great feudatories of the Netherlands, that is, of the part originally known as Holland under the rule of the Counts of Holland, there are only two proven to be still in existence: van Wasse-naer and van Foreest, and definite proof of the latter has only recently been obtained, after years of search.

The common man was known by his patronymic only, and gradually took a surname from an occupation, from per-

sonal peculiarity, from habitat (van den Hoek from the corner, Intvelt in the field, Indyck from inside the dike). If a man without a surname married a woman with one, the children often took the mother's surname, especially a child who might be named for a member of the mother's family. It is therefore quite possible that in male lines of descent several surnames were in use; but it is interesting to observe that if the progenitor had a coat of arms (many people with a patronymic had one only if they were members of a schepen court requiring the sealing of documents, and then arms had to be adopted without the benefit of heralds or other functionaries), all the descendants kept these arms even if their surnames differed, thus showing the male descent. For example, the families van Rossum, Blootenburgh and de Kruyff all are the same family in male descent and bear the same arms. But while the same arms often signifies the same male descent, there were other causes for use of the same arms, and heraldry in Holland is a ticklish subject.

In the case under discussion, if Zwene (van Indyck) had van Renseler blood in her veins, her marriage to a man who acquired the Renseler would undoubtedly have led Hendrick, who had only a patronymic, to adopt the van Renseler cognomen, to show that he not only owned the Renseler but that his children had the van Renseler blood.

As a general background, permit me a few words about the schepen courts referred to above, and related topics. Wills were made before lawyers, or mostly notaries who in Holland were more like solicitors, with strict examinations to pass. The wills were not filed as in England or probated by special courts established for that purpose. In many cases they came before the schepen courts, but in general they are to be found in the various archives of the notaries which are still in existence. These have all been surrendered by law to various places of deposit, some to the cities if fire-proof protection could be accorded, others to government depositories. Over the centuries, many of the notarial papers have been lost, but a very large amount is still available. These records are among the best genealogical sources, but entail a laborious search unless there is a definite indication of date and the name of the notary is known.

The schepen courts were very influential in all kinds of legal work. They had a lawyer secretary, a lawyer prosecutor, and members (sometimes lawyers, but reputable burghers in many of the smaller cities and towns or country districts), who were appointed in the cities by the city government, in the country and towns by other officials. There were different local systems

and the number of members varied. Of course in more ancient times appointments were made by the rulers, and even after the Netherlands had become a Republic [declaration of independence 1581, de facto recognition 1609, official recognition, Peace of Westphalia 1648], the Princes of Orange had to approve all choices; usually a mere formality, but an incitement to open revolt on occasions when the Prince tried to "pack the court."

I noted with satisfaction that the Editor gained, from some of the data presented in the former article, a picture of the social conditions existing in the Netherlands from 1400 to 1600, and that he wondered whether urban civilization in the Netherlands were not "slightly" more advanced than in England at the same period. I am sure that this is very much of an understatement. In the United States our knowledge of history is naturally oriented on England as the mother country of most of the North American colonies. Generally speaking, our average high-school and college student is poorly informed as to the state of culture at that period in the Netherlands, which then included the present territory of the Netherlands and of Belgium combined.

At first divided into small territories, feudal states, there appeared at the end of the 14th century the powerful dynasty of the Burgundian dukes, who by marriage and conquest gradually became overlords of the entire territory. But long before the advent of this powerful house, commerce and industry had sprouted in the Netherlands on an unprecedented scale. The country had become the heir to the world trade of the Italian cities. Flemish industry was foremost and Bruges had become in 1280 the seat of the world's commerce. A large number of the Netherlands cities belonged to the Hanseatic League which controlled the important commerce with the North. Dutch settlements were at Gotheburg (the city government was fashioned after the Dutch and even the records were kept in Dutch), Bergen, Danzig, and other Baltic ports.

In the following centuries, Antwerp surpassed Bruges and became the richest mercantile city of Europe, the most luxurious town in the world, with Amsterdam the most important city of the Northern Netherlands. They outdistanced London. All this was brought about by the unsurpassed development of the cities, of which there were already a large number in the 13th century, and in which commerce and industry flourished. Protected by ample privileges, individually and by the great charters of freedom (The Golden Bull of 1349 and La Joyeuse Entrée of 1356), they were autonomous in the administration of their government and justice, and were the seats of powerful guilds, started by the 10th century.

The great merchants, the patricians, exercised a preponderant weight, pushing the influence of the nobles and the clergy to the background.

When in England magnificent cathedrals were building, in the Netherlands it was the city halls, the guild halls, the exchanges, the many institutions of charity which for centuries remained the foremost of Europe. The houses of the rich merchants bespoke the opulence and might of the burgher, and the latter found a concrete expression when the burghers defeated at Courtray in 1302, at the famous "Battle of the Golden Spurs," the flower of French chivalry.

In the middle of the 16th century, the collective Netherlands offered a spectacle to be seen nowhere else in Europe. They made the greatest contribution to the power of the Spanish-Burgundian monarchy, the mightiest in Europe. At the brilliant Burgundian court, the arts of painting and engraving were unsurpassed elsewhere, and although literature did not reach a similar prominence, Netherland music had the greatest reputation in Europe, while the Chambers of Rhetoric brought poetry and drama to the common man. Excellent Latin schools flourished everywhere, at Liege since the 11th century. Louvain's university boasted of 5,000 students at a very early date. Leyden University, founded in 1575, was soon to be the foremost in Europe, with teachers such as Descartes, Scaliger, Hugo Grotius, Arminius, Huyghens, Stevinus and others of note. It attracted students from the entire continent, having the first observatory connected with a university, and the first military school, and boasting a freer spirit than many of the other, almost semi-monastic, institutions.

In the Netherlands the nobility had lost most of its power by the end of the 14th century. The Bishop of Utrecht represented the clerical power of the Northern Netherlands. But the real rulers of the country were the city magistrates, the burghers, the great merchants, and these it was who in 1568 started the war of independence against the most powerful country in Europe, and in 1581 issued their Declaration of Independence.

It is in the light of these conditions that we have to evaluate the position of the Dutch burgher of those early days.

MIDDLEFIELD, MASS., CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECORDS

Furnished by Edward Church Smith, B.A., B.S., Lakewood, Ohio

(Continued from Vol. 28, p. 161)

Members of Middlefield Congregational Church (con.)

- 1811 Hannah, w. of Joseph Jennings
- 1812 Ithamar Pelton & w. Asenath
- 1814 Charlotte Mack [da. Elisha & Sarah (Blosson-Howes)]
 Polly Bird [da. Enoch & Celena (Lyon)]
 Anna, w. of Elias Waires
- 1818 Emily Ward [da. David]
 Nancy Pease [da. Israel & Mary (Pease)]
 William W. Leonard
 Charlotte Pelton [da. Ithamar Jr. & Charlotte
 (Starr)]
 Lydia Norton
 Sally Russell [da. Gideon Jr. & Jemima (Alvord)]
 Lloyd West
- 1819 Mary Jones [da. Ezra & Mary (Booth)]
 Mary Russell [da. Alpheus & Rebekah (Clark)]
- 1820 Ebenezer Emmons
 Vesta, w. of John Dickson
 Mary, w. of Israel Pease
 Mabel, w. of Orrin Millard
 Rebecca, w. of Simeon Wood
 John Dickson Jr. & w. Martha
 Ira Leach & w. Cloe
 Vesta, w. of John E. Ingham
 Sally Wood
 Widow Thankful Cooper [wid. of Royal]
 Wealthy, w. of John Smith Jr.
 Ithamar Pelton & w. Charlotte
 Amasa Blush & w. Nancy
 James S. Bigelow
 Worcester Taylor & w. Phebe
 Josiah Mack
 Converse Stowell
 Rachel Hibbe
 Elizabeth Durant [w. of Thomas]
 Lydia Cheeseman [da. Abel & Mary (Mack)]
 Stephen Graves
 Alexander Ingham
 Mehitabel, w. of Abner Wing
 Anna, w. of Eli Ela

- 1821 Mary, w. of Capt. E. Emmons
Uriel Cone & w. Beulah
Dexter Johnson
Mary, w. of Deacon [David] Mack
Beulah, w. of Elijah White
Salome White
John White
- 1822 Esther, w. of Capt. Gaston Dickson
Lydia Graves [da. Amasa Jr. & Sally (Bird)]
- 1826 Elbridge G. Wheeler
Isaac Pollett Jr. & w. Persis
Eunice Nash [da. Rev. Jonathan & Eunice (Taylor)]
Julia Mack [da. David Jr. & Independence (Pease)]
Harriet Little [da. Samuel & Rebecca (Howes)]
- 1827 Asa Taylor & w. Lovisa
Ambrose Loveland
Franklin Stoel
Ruby Matilda Millard [da. Orrin & Mabel (Pinney)]
Maria Olds [da. Justus & Mary (Loomis)]
George W. McElwain & w. Hannah
Wm. Wheeler
Rebecca Little [da. Samuel H. & Rebecca (Howes)]
Edward Cheeseman
Dudley Taylor
Orrilla Dickson [Patty Orrella da. John Jr. & Patty]

<u>Members Received by Letter</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place*</u>
Mrs. [Esther] Phillips w. of Ezra P[hillips]	Oct. 13, 1811	Chesterfield
Mary, w. David Mack, Jr.	Nov. 7, 1813	Longmeadow
Submit, w. Samuel Little	Nov. 6, 1814	St. Albans, Vt.
Sally, w. Capt. Daniel Root	Sept. 1, 1816	Chester
Jemima, w. Horace West	Nov. 2, 1817	Wilbraham (N. Par.)
Rhoda, w. Amasa Graves	Mar. 1, 1818	Hatfield
Joel Pelton & w. Ruth	July 5, 1818	Dalton
Abner Wing	Jan. 3, 1819	Hinsdale
Maria, w. Eb. Emmons	Mar. 4, 1820	Williamstown
Mrs. Mehitable Bigelow [w. James S. Bigelow]	May 7, 1820	Spencer
Zebina Smith & w. Lucina	May 6, 1821	Waitsfield, Vt.
Roxana Bird [Wm. Wheeler Jr.]	Sept. 2, 1821	Hatfield
Lydia w. Phillip Meacham	Jan. 4, 1824	Hinsdale
Solomon P. Fitch & w. Chloe	Mar. 7, 1824	Worthington
Anna Cheeseman [da. Abel & Mary (Mack)]	Nov. 4, 1827	Becket

<u>Name</u>	<u>Members Dismissed by Letter</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place*</u>
Lucina, w. of Reuben Rich		Feb. 10, 1811	[Lived Casanova, N.Y.]
Nabby Cheeseman [da. Benjamin & Sarah (Howe)]		Aug. 25, 1811	Nelson, N.Y.
Benjamin Cheeseman		Oct. 13, 1811	Nelson, N.Y.
Susanna, w. of Warren Little		Jan. 12, 1812	Locke, N.Y.
John Spencer & w. Susannah }		June 14, 1812	Aurora [Ohio]
Lucy, w. of Samuel Spencer }			N. Conn. †
Olive, w. of Peter Pinney		Sept. 6, 1812	
Joseph Moore & w. [Zibea]		May 17, 1814	Washington or Becket
Parker Fellows		Jan. 1, 1815	N. Connecticut†
Dr. Wm. Coleman & w. [Achsah]		May 9, 1815	Hartford, W. Parish †
Deborah, w. of Ansel Ford		June 9, 1816	Cummington
Stephen Wood & w. Lydia		June 23, 1816	
Abel Cheeseman & w. [Mary]		Nov. 2, 1817	[moved to Becket]
Parker Fellows		Jan. 25, 1818	
Gideon Russell, w. Jemima, d. Sally		Sept. 6, 1818	Ohio [Huntsburg]
Lydia Norton		Dec. 20, 1818	To the Westward
Hannah Bangs, w. of Ebenezer Fales		Aug. 20, 1820	Charlemon
Nancy, w. of Alvah Benjamin		Mar. 2, 1821	Worthington
Ebenezer Emmons Jr. & w. Maria		May 13, 1821	Chester
Sylvanus Norcott & w. [sic] Jerusha		Jan. 13, 1822	Washington
[Sylvanus m. Sarah ———; had mother and sister named Jerusha]			
Widow Anna Waires w. of Rufus Tinker		Nov. 17, 1822	Chester
Lydia Cheeseman, now Mrs. Cochran		Dec. 5, 1822	Aurora, Ohio
Zechariah Field & w. Priscilla		May 25, 1823	Jericho, Vermont
Elisha Mack & w. Sarah }		June 22, 1823	Lenox
Josiah Mack }			
Zebina Smith & w. Lucina		Aug. 31, 1823	Antwerp, N.Y.
Jude Wright		May 24, 1825	Peru

Emily Ward, w. of Rufus Prentice					
John White					
Betsey, w. of Berzela Little					
Dexter B. Johnson					
Hannah, w. of Joseph Jennings					
Widow Rhoda Graves					
[Mrs. Rhoda Ball m. Amasa Graves]					
Polly Bird w. of Nathan Chapin					
Franklin Stowell					
Wid. Experience Merryfield [wid. of Oliver]					
Solomon P. Fitch & w. Chloe					
Wid. Beulah White [wid. of Elijah]					
Ambrose Loveland					
John Dickson Jr. & w. Martha, d. Orrilla					
Charlotte Pelton [da. Ithamar Jr. & Charlotte (Starr)]					
Ezra Jones					
Lydia w. of Franklin Stowell					
Elbridge G. Wheeler					

*Towns are in Massachusetts unless otherwise indicated.

†New Connecticut, the Connecticut Western Reserve in northeast Ohio.

‡Connecticut.

July 17, 1825	Worthington
Nov. 4, 1825	Augusta and Smithfield, N.Y.
June 18, 1826	Worthington
Feb. 1827	Ware
May 6, 1827	Becket
May 1827	4 Ch. Amherst
Dec. 1827	Nelson, N.Y.
Jan. 1, 1828	Peru
May 6, 1828	Becket
June 8, 1828	
June 22, 1828	New Stockbridge, N.Y.
July 5, 1829	Washington, Mass.
Aug. 16, 1829	To a distant part [Lived Liverpool, N.Y.]
Oct. 25, 1829	East Windsor, Conn.
Dec. 13, 1829	Enfield, Conn.
Oct. 24, 1830	Peru
Dec. 5, 1830	Westhampton

MURAL TABLETS WITHIN THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
AND ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCHES, ELIZABETH, N. J.

Transcribed in 1940 by Lewis D. Cook, a Contributing Editor

These inscriptions are an important complement to Wheeler and Halsey's Inscriptions on the Tombstones in the Burying Grounds of the First Presbyterian and St. John's Episcopal Churches, Elizabeth, N.J., published 1892.

First Presbyterian Church

[On the exterior north wall] In Memory of / Hannah Phinney / late widow of / Capt. Lewis Woodruff / and daughter of / the Rev. Azariah Horton / who died July 24th 1841 / Aged 87 years. / She was a liberal donor of / and to this Church and one / of its most zealous members / for nearly 60 years. / Blessed are the dead / which die in the Lord.

[In northeast front vestibule] This Tablet is erected / By the Sabbath School / In memory of a beloved pastor / Rev. Nicholas Murray D.D. / who died February 4th 1861. / Feed my lambs.

In Memory / of / Rev. Everhard Kempshall, D.D. / Born August 9, 1830; / Died March 31, 1904. / Pastor from September 18, 1861 to November 20, 1898. / "The only tribute I desire is a tablet from this school."

In memory / of / Rev. John McDowell, D.D. / who was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church / and founder of its first Sabbath School 1814. / Died in Philadelphia Feby. 13th 1863. / "The righteous shall be had in / everlasting remembrance."

[In central tower front vestibule] In Memorium / Stephen Pierson, / Born Feb. 26th 1802, / Died June 18th 1876, / Sexton of this Church / for 40 years. / "Be thou faithful unto / death, and I will give / thee a crown of life."

St. John's Episcopal Church

[In the Tower front vestibule] This Tablet is / most affectionately / Inscribed By / Her children to / The Memory of / Mary Jouet, / who died Aug. 13th 1827 / aged 84 years. / Green be The Turf Above Thee, / Mother Of Our Better Days! / None Knew Thee But To Love Thee, / None Named Thee But To Praise.

Sacred / To the memory of / The Rev. John Churchill Rudd, D.D. / who was 21 years Rector of this Church, / Died Novr. 15th 1848; / Aged 68 years.

Sacred / to the memory / of the Rev. Samuel Spraggs, / who succeeded to the Rectorship of this / Church in

1790, died Sept. 7, 1794; / Aged 47 years. / Mary Spraggs, / his wife, / died June 27, 1821; / Aged 86 years.

[In the South Aisle vestibule] Sacred / to the Memory of / Robinson Thomas, / who departed this life March / 17th 1813, in the 47th year of his age. / Also, / his wife, / Elizabeth Thomas, / who departed this life August / 22nd 1812, in the 37th year of her age. / The sweet remembrance of the Just, / Shall flourish when they sleep in dust. [Note by transcriber: Robinson Thomas died 3-17-1813 at Princeton, N.J., and was buried at Elizabethtown, according to obituary notice published in the N. J. Journal.]

In Memory Of / William Williamson / who died July 29th 1785, / aged 37 years. / And of / Lydia Hampton, / his wife / who died March 25th 1814. / Aged 66 years.

Commemorative. / The Rev. T. B. Chandler, D.D., / who was 38 years Rector of this Church, / died June 17, 1790; aged 64 years. / Jane Chandler, his wife, died Sept. 20, 1801; aged 68 years. / Their Children. / William Chandler, / died in England Oct. 22, 1784; aged 28 years; / Mary R. Chandler, / died Jan. 28, 1784, aged 22 years. / Elizabeth C. Dayton, wife of E. B. Dayton, / died Nov. 6, 1806; aged 41 years. / Mary G. Hobart, relict of the Rt. Rev. J. H. Hobart; / died April 4, 1847; aged 72 years. / Jane T. Dayton, relict of William Dayton; / died Jan. 28, 1859; aged 91 years.

In Memory of / Our late Rector / Rev. Samuel A. Clark, D.D. / Born in Newburyport, / Mass., Jan. 27th 1822, / Died in this City, / Jan. 28th 1875, in the / Nineteenth year of his / Ministry in this Parish. / His last communion sermon was / Preached in this Church Dec. 6th / 1874, from St. Luke XXII, 18.

In memory of / Elizath Robeson the wife of Capt. Jacob DeHart / who died at Philadelphia the 11th of Decr. 1792 / in the 28th year of her age / Also / Eliza the daughter of Capt. Jacob DeHart and / Sarah Jouet, who died at Philada. on the 9th of / July 1802 aged 2 yrs. 11 mo. & 14 ds. / And also / Sarah their second daughter who died at the / same place on the 7th of November 1804 / aged 3 yrs. 11 mo. & 18 ds.

In / Memory of / The Rev. Fredk. Beasley, D.D. / He was born in North Carolina, A.D. 1777, / He commenced his ministry, as Rector / of this Church A.D. 1802. / He was afterwards Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Assistant Rector of St. Paul's / Church, Baltimore; Rector of St. Michael's / Church, Trenton; and for 15 years, Provost / of the University of Pennsylvania. / He retired from the active duties of / the ministry, and made his home in this / city A.D. 1836, Here he died in the bosom / of his family and in the midst of friends / who loved him, on the 1st day of November /

A.D. 1845, in the 68th year of his age, a / communicant of this the Church of his / early and best affections. / Also / of his wife / Maria, / daughter of / Matthias Williamson; / who died, a communicant of this Church, / on the 2nd day of July A.D. 1852, / in the 70th year / of her age.

[A bronze tablet on the exterior south wall, some three feet east of sacristy door, inscribed] Commemorating the Service / of / Jonathan Dayton / youngest signer of the / Constitution Sept. 17, 1787 / Statesman / Patriot and Soldier / Placed by / Boudinot Chapter D.A.R.

Addenda to Tombstone Inscriptions (St. John's)

[A fragment of tombstone, lying loose against the south wall of the church, at the entrance door to the sacristy, inscribed] [Her]e lies ye Bo[dy] / Benjamin Spini[ng] / Decemr 25 1[731]. [Note by transcriber: The will of Benjamin Spining of Elizabeth Town, innholder, dated 14 Dec. 1731, was proved 28 Feb. 1731/2, as see abstract published in N.J. Archives, XXX, 450. Compare Wheeler and Halsey, op. cit., page 314; tombstone no. 149.]

[A modern polished granite tombstone, inscribed] Susan wife of John Chetwood M.D. / daughter of / Joseph Jelf and wife / Susannah Hampton / who died Dec. 8th 1854 / ae. 90 yrs. & 9 mos.

POTTER-BRITAIN RECORDS

Contributed by Charles Lord, Esq., Clifton Forge, Va.

Application for pension of Joseph Potter, 9 Jan. 1833. Born Narragansett, R.I., 25 Nov. 1760. Enlisted in Aug. 1776, at Pownal, Vt., in Capt. Joseph Briggs' Co., Col. Samuel Herrick's Regt. Served until April 1777. Reenlisted for 3 months. Marched to Ticonderoga. Was in Battle of Hubbardstown and Battle of Bennington. An uncle of his was wounded at Bennington. Reenlisted in Aug. 1777 and again in Mar. 1778. Served 6 months. Became Orderly Sergt. in Capt. Parker's Co. Moved to Luzerne Co., Pa., "about 40 years ago." Resided there since then. Signed by mark.

In 1938, Mrs. T. E. Masters, of Marcellus, N.Y., wrote that she had seen a Bible Record which said "Joseph Potter and Diadema Brookins were married on his 21st birthday. Just one year later, their hearts were gladdened by the birth of their daughter Submit." She stated that the D.A.R. had accepted this.

Children of Joseph Potter and Diadema Brookins from record supplied by Mrs. Charles Potter of Jersey Shore, Pa. I think these records are from a Bible once owned by Brookins Potter.

Submit, b. 6 Sept. 1781
Lucy, b. 22 Sept. 1782
Alden, b. 22 Oct. 1784
Joseph, b. 19 Feb. 1787
William, b. 10 May 1789
Mary, b. 10 Nov. 1791

Brookins, b. 10 Feb. 1793
Henry, b. 6 Aug. 1795
Experience, b. 13 June 1798
Alming, b. 10 Dec. 1802
Hannah, b. 6 Feb. 1806
Daniel, b. 22 Sept. 1809

In 1946, in answer to an inquiry, I received a letter from the General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C., signed by G. L. Andrews, Acting Chief, Records Information Section, which states:

"In the case of Joseph Potter, the record shows that he was granted a pension on 10 Apr. 1833 and his name was inscribed on the rolls of the Pennsylvania Agency.

"On 3 Nov. 1840, satisfactory evidence was provided to the Court of Common Pleas, Luzerne Co., Pa., to prove that the pensioner died in Aug. 1840, leaving no widow but ten children, namely: Alden Potter, W^m Potter, Joseph Potter, Jr., Brookins Potter, Henry Potter, Mitty Fellows, Lucy Long, Polly Boston, Experience Brittain and Hannah Potter.

"The arrears of the pension, covering the period 4 Mar. 1840 to 1 Aug. 1840, were allowed in favor of Brookins Potter and Hannah Potter, administrators of the estate of Joseph Potter, deceased."

The following Family Record was compiled by Walter C. Brittain and printed in Sunday School Classmate, 4 Aug. 1877:

Zebulon Brittain b. Huntington Pa. 20 Oct. 1794. Died 15 Jan. 1851
Experience P. Brittain b. " " 13 June 1798. Died 25 Mar. 1854
Eliza Ann Hamilton b. 27 June 1815
Brookins Brittain b. 4 Nov. 1817
Joseph P. Brittain b. 26 June 1819
Silas Brittain b. 20 Apr. 1821
Ann B. Mortimore b. 4 Apr. 1823
Diadema B. Wickerham b. 23 Mar. 1825
John Brittain b. 2 Apr. 1827. Died 2 Oct. 1850
Walter Clark Brittain b. 19 Jan. 1829
Henry Omens Brittain b. 20 Dec. 1830. Killed in Battle of Chickamagua, 20 Sept. 1863.
Hiram Gillmore Brittain b. 20 Nov. 1832
Susan B. Esner b. 12 Jan. 1835. Died 30 May 1862.
Margaret B. Crawford b. 22 May 1837
Walter C. Brittain & Margaret A. Caskey, m. 9 Nov. 1851.
Margaret Ann C. Brittain, b. 18 Aug. 1830
James Franklin Brittain, b. 12 Oct. 1852
Loyal Walter Brittain, b. 21 Sept. 1854

There are two errors in the above record. (1) Zebulon Brittain was born in Hemlock Twp., Northumberland Co., Pa. (now in Columbia Co.), and his parents did not move into Luzerne Co. until 1812. (2) Experience Potter married first, in April 1814, William Perry, who died in Nov. 1815, and the first child was by him.

CONNECTICUT COURT REPORTS

By Noel C. Stevenson, Member of the State Bar of California

(Continued from Vol. 28, p. 28)

Richard Gay, et al v. Adams, et al and Lemuel Bates.
Hartford County, March Term, 1786, 1 Root 105

Pelataiah Adams late of Suffield, deceased, owned land....His widow [not named] married Darius Pinney. Children of Pelataiah not disclosed. Nehemiah Strong acquired his interest from widow. Richard Gay acquired his interest from Strong. Lemuel Bates also claimed title.

Salisbury v. Fairfield. Litchfield County, August Term 1789, 1 Root 131.

Action to recover pay for supporting one Samuel Allen, a pauper. Samuel Allen was born in 1757; his parents [not named] were then settled in Fairfield; afterwards his father died. His grandfather [not named], who was settled in Fairfield, took guardianship of him in 1764. His mother married another husband, whose name was Allen, and also settled in Fairfield. In 1766 his mother and her husband removed to Stamford and 1768 his grandfather and guardian removed him to Stamford, he being then 11 years old; and he lived with his guardian in Stamford until he was 14 years of age, when he chose a guardian and was bound an apprentice to a master settled in Stamford.

Mary Sloan's Case. New Haven County, January Term, 1790, 1 Root 151.

Mary Sloan appealed from a judgment of the court of probate making distribution of the estate of Daniel Mansfield.

Smith v. Isaacs. New Haven County, January Term, 1790, 1 Root 151.

Action of ejectment for a piece of land. Isaacs and Benjamin Douglas, late of New Haven....purchased land from Deodat Johnson.

Lewis M'Donald v. Hobby, et al, selectmen of Greenwich. Fairfield County, January Term, 1790, 1 Root 154.

Error to reverse a judgment of the county court in prosecution instituted by said selectmen, in their own

names, for maintenance of a bastard child, said to have been begotten by said Lewis, on the body of one Elizab-
beth Ferris, a pauper, since deceased.

Elisha Smith, executor of Daniel Grant, v. Raphael and
Phila Marshall. Litchfield County, February Term, 1790,
1 Root 159.

Action on a note brought 18 July 1787 against execu-
tor. Daniel Grant executed note in favor of Phila Mar-
shall and delivered it to Elihu Barber to hold and de-
liver to her upon death of Daniel Grant. Phila Marshall
was the natural daughter of said Daniel Grant.

Elijah Phelps v. Daniel Miles. Litchfield County, Jan-
uary Term, 1790, 1 Root 162.

Elijah Phelps, son of Abel Phelps, deceased. Action
was on a bond executed by Abel to Miles, 29 August 1754.
Case v. Anne Worthington, executrix of Elias Worthing-
ton. Hartford County, February Term, 1790, 1 Root 172.

Action in chancery concerning certain executions.
Thomas Brattle, administrator of William Brattle v.
Converse. Tolland County, March Term, 1790, 1 Root 174.

Appeal from probate, stating that Josiah Converse
late of Stafford, deceased, owed a debt to Wm. Brattle.
Appellee's reply: That said Josiah died in A.D. 1775;
that his widow was appointed administratrix, who adver-
tised the creditors and paid off all debts that appear-
ed; that said William went off to the enemy in A.D.
1776 and his said debt was not exhibited; that the re-
mainder of said estate has been divided among the heirs
by agreement acknowledged and recorded at the court of
probate.

Town of Mansfield v. Town of Granby. Windham County,
March Term, 1790, 1 Root 179.

Action of assumpsit for supporting Mary Bassett, a
pauper. She was settled in that part of Symsbury which
is now Granby on 15 October 1786.

Jeremiah Kinsman, executor of Robert Kinsman v. Bethiah
Kinsman. Windham County, March Term, 1790, 1 Root 180.

Error to reverse a judgment of the county court, in
an action of trespass brought by Bethiah Kinsman against
said Jeremiah for a quantity of rye.

The case was: Jeremiah Kinsman owned the land where
the rye grew, and in Jan. 1782 leased it to said Robert
Kinsman and to his wife, Bethiah Kinsman, during his
natural life and the natural life of said Bethiah. Rob-
ert entered, sowed the rye and died, having made his
Will, by which he gave his personal estate to his wife,
and 25 pounds per annum, and appointed said Jeremiah
his executor; the executor entered and cut the rye; and
for that, this action is brought, and a recovery had in
the county court. [Note: Bethiah lost.]

Devotion Edy v. Roger Williams. New London County,
March Term, 1790, 1 Root 185.

Action of ejectment of lands. Involved: Tisdale Edy and Gilbert Edy; Jonathan Boardman of Preston; Henry Williams; William Chapman.

Town of East Hartford v. Middletown. Middlesex County, July Term, 1790, 1 Root 196.

Action for support of Mellisant Dowd, a pauper. She was born in 1759 in Middletown. Names of her parents not given. After her father's death, her mother married one Dolbier of Hartford. Dolbier died in 1777. Her mother died 10 Nov. 1787. The record discloses that Mellisant was an idiot.

M'Ewen v. Hannah Welles, administrator of Samuel Welles. Fairfield County, August Term, 1790, 1 Root 202.

Action on a note. Samuel Welles in his lifetime mortgaged to M'Ewen and Samuel William Johnson, Esq., certain lands as security.

Huldah Perry v. Eli Perry. Fairfield County, August Term, 1790, 1 Root 203.

Seth Perry died intestate, leaving a widow, and a mother and other collateral heirs, but no children. Eli Perry, administrator, caused the whole of said estate to be distributed to the widow and heirs exclusive of the mother, said Huldah Perry, and she appealed. Pending the appeal she died.

Constant Crocker v. Grace Fox. New London County, September Term, 1790, 1 Root 227.

Appeal from an order of the court of probate in assigning and setting out to Grace Fox, her dower in her late husband's, Thomas Fosdick's, estate. The said Thomas Fosdick died in 1774 and his estate settled and distributed amongst his heirs; her application to said court to have her dower set out was not made until 13 April, 1789, long after said Thomas's estate had been distributed and after Samuel Fosdick, one of the heirs, had been divested of his part of the estate by execution and he had become bankrupt. Grace prevailed over Constant in his appeal.

Brewster v. Denison. New London County, September Term, 1790, 1 Root 231.

Plaintiff's title was a deed from the administrator of Col. Gardner, dated 10 June, 1788, given pursuant to an order from the court of probate. The defendant set up title from said Col. Gardner to his son, Frederick Gardner, dated 8 Nov. 1780.

Alfred Isham v. Townsend. New London County, September Term, 1790, 1 Root 232.

Action of ejectment for a certain lot of land and buildings. The plaintiff derived his title regularly down from Doct. Oliver Bulkly under a deed from him to his sons, Noah and Chancy, dated in A.D. 1767.

The defendant sets up title under the heirs of Col. John Bulkly, by force of a deed given by said Oliver

Bulkly to John Bulkly in A.D. 1753. John Watrous, Esq., was in possession.

Norwich v. Windham. New London County, September Term, 1790, 1 Root 232.

Action for sending one Mary Laughton, a pauper, who had one child, to the town of Norwich for support. "Mary, before her marriage to Laughton, was Mary Spicer, a legal inhabitant of the town of Norwich. In 1785 she married Laughton, an Irish foreigner, and moved with him to Windham, and there resided until Jan. 1789 and had said child born in Windham, and was likely to have another, and said Laughton went off and left her, not having gained a settlement in any town in this state or county. The said Mary and child being destitute and in want of support, was removed by Windham to the town of Norwich." [Note: Norwich lost.]

Somers v. Barkhempstead. Tolland County, March Term, 1791, 1 Root 262.

Action for support of one Jerusha Tudman, a pauper. Jerusha ——— married Robert Tudman, a foreigner, in 1779, at time of marriage she was a resident of Stafford. They lived in Somers for four years, and removed to Barkhempstead 2 June 1788, and resided there until 1 June 1789, when he was removed by order of the selectmen of Somers along with Jerusha and his family.

HANNAH (TALLMAN) COOK, WIFE OF DANIEL⁵ CHASE
OF QUAKER HILL, NEW YORK

By Mrs. Albert Hunt Chase, Norwich, Conn.

The identity of Hannah Cook, wife of Daniel⁵ Chase of Quaker Hill, New York, has long been sought and is finally established. Very large families for several generations insure the interest of many descendants.

Daniel⁵ Chase (Phineas⁴, Abraham³, William², William¹), born 9 Jan. 1720 [New England Hist. and Gen. Register, 87:332], married 7 Aug. 1740, Hannah Cook, "both of Tiverton" [Tiverton, R.I., V.R., 1:243]. Their ten children were born at Quaker Hill, N.Y. [Oblong Friends Records, Register, 87:332]. The ninth child was named Tallman. Through this hint, it was found that Hannah Cook was the daughter of John³ and Anne (Bennett) Tallman (James², Peter¹ Tallman), and the widow of Chaplain Cook.

Chaplain⁴ Cook (Thomas³, John², Thomas¹), of Tiverton, married 13 Dec. 1733, Hannah Tallman [Tiverton V. R., 2:177]. She was born 24 Nov. 1715 [ibid., 1:23]. They had a daughter (Mary, from family records), and a posthumous son, Thomas, born 8 Dec. 1735 [ibid., 1:44].

The Bristol County, R.I., records, as abstracted by Miss Helen M. Cook of Brookline, Mass., provide the following information:

Thomas Cook son of Chaplain Cook, late of Tiverton, deceased, was born 8 Dec. 1735. [Tiverton V.R., 1:44.]

21 Jan. 1741, Stephen Cook was appointed guardian of the daughter of his brother Chaplain and wife Hannah. [Probate, 10:13.]

19 July 1741, an accounting was made by Hannah Chase, widow and administratrix of the estate of Chaplain Cook. [Probate, 10:31.]

Will of John Tallman, surgeon, 11 Aug. 1741, proved 18 Aug. following, names wife Sarah [a second wife], eldest daughter Mary Cook [wife of Stephen], second daughter Hannah Chase, and seven other children. [Probate, 10:95]. Mention was made of things at Stephen Cook's.

On 2 Apr. 1750, Thomas Cook chose his uncle Stephen Cook to be his guardian.

The tenth child of Daniel⁵ and Hannah (Tallman) (Cook) Chase was named Beverly. Their third child was John⁶ Chase of Hoosic, N.Y. He had three wives and seventeen children [Register, 87:332-3]. He was a Quaker and was disowned for marrying a person not a member of the Meeting. He removed to Hoosic Falls, N. Y., in 1790. He was married at Quaker Hill, Pawling, Dutchess Co., N.Y. [The John Carroll Chase Mss., p. 240.] Though a Quaker, he served in the Revolution in Col. Henry Ludington's Regiment [Rev. War File, Albany, N.Y., Vol. 8, folio 233].

John Chase also named a child Tallman and one Beverly. It would be interesting to find the Beverly connection, if any. His third wife was Margaret, said to be Crannell. Could this be Crandall? Abraham³ Chase had a daughter Millicent who married a Crandall, which was also written Crandell. There were plenty of that name in Tiverton, some of whom may have gone with the Chases to New York State. In fact, the Tiverton Vital Records [5:45] give the marriage of Eber Crandall of Hoosic, N.Y., 2 Oct. 1844, to Sarah Gray of Tiverton.

NOTES ON COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT, FAMILIES

By Kendall P. Hayward, B.A., Hartford, Conn.

(Continued from Vol. 28, p. 251)

RUST—

The Descendants of Henry Rust (1891), by A.D. Rust, is a genealogy compiled in a manner typical for the period (prior to 1900), presenting only partial data on the descendants of Nathaniel³ Rust, with obvious omissions of pertinent genealogical data; showing some original research, but at the same time lack of research, which is difficult to understand. For example, one section only of the rather long and involved will of Nathaniel³ Rust is quoted.

As a Russ family settled in Ashford, Conn., entries for both families appear on the vital records of Mansfield, which is adjacent to both Coventry and Ashford. In the printed Vital Records of Mansfield, the spelling Russ is used almost exclusively, though actually some entries apply to Russ and some to Rust.

The purpose of the following account is to expand and when necessary to correct the account in the published genealogy.

1. Nathaniel³ Rust, b. Northampton, Mass., 17 Nov. 1671, d. Coventry, Conn., about the end of 1761, son of Israel² Rust (Henry¹); m. (1) Northampton, Mass., 17 May 1692, Mercy Atchison, b. abt. 1673, d. Coventry, Conn., 21 Jan. 1754 in her 81st year; m. (2) Coventry, 9 Sept. 1754, widow Mary Rose.

The will of Nathaniel Rust, Senior, of Coventry, is dated 27 Aug. 1760, proved 11 Jan. 1762 [Windham Probate Records, Vol. 6, pp. 358-361], and although involved as to bequests can probably be interpreted thus: Calls himself advanced in age; wife's name mentioned first in error, but later corrected to Mary. Mention of grandchildren: Simeon Rust, Elizabeth Warner, and Margaret Hunt, to have their father's part [i.e., the son Nathaniel, Jr.]; then again, mention of children of son Nathaniel, deceased, each to have £10, viz.: Simeon, Melatiah, Jehiel, Joseph, Nathaniel, Elizabeth Warner, Abigail Paddock, and Rebecca Kingsbury; son Samuel Rust to have one-half the home lot; to children of son Noah, deceased: Noah, Amaziah, Elijah, Samuel, Dillah Taylor, and Keziah Holt; to children of son Daniel, deceased: by first wife: Daniel, Lemuel, Gershom, Zebulon (to have land in Coventry, abutting Tolland), Maybell, and Anne, and by second wife: Nathaniel Willson Rust, youngest son; to daughter Elizabeth Gurley, £14; to daughter Mary Herrick, £14; to children of daughter Elizabeth

Herrick, deceased: Samuel Herrick, 20 s., and Margaret Herrick, 30 s.; to daughter Lydia Herrick, £14. Samuel Rust and Ezekiel Herrick were executors. [The "daughter Elizabeth Gurley" seems to be meant for "Experience" not Elizabeth.]

Children, first six b. Northampton, Mass., last three Coventry, Conn.:

1. Experience⁴, b. Nov. 1693; d. Mansfield, Conn., 10 July 1768; m. Samuel Gurley.
- 2 ii. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 1695.
- iii. Margaret, b. 11 May 1698; d. Coventry, 18 Sept. 1712.
- 3 iv. Samuel, b. 10 May 1703.
- v. Mary, b. 7 July 1705; d. prob. in Coventry; m. there, 10 Dec. 1724, Ezekiel Herrick, b. Beverly, Mass., 6 Nov. 1699, son of Samuel and Mehitabel (Woodward) Herrick.
- 4 vi. Noah, b. 24 July 1708.
- 5 vii. Daniel, b. 18 Feb. 1711.
- viii. Elizabeth, b. 11 June 1713; d. Coventry, 15 Dec. 1741; m. Coventry, 20 May 1731, Daniel Herrick, b. Preston, Conn., 9 Dec. 1708, son of Samuel and Mehitabel (Woodward) Herrick.
- ix. Lydia, b. 9 May 1716; d. Coventry, March 1764 in her 49th yr.; m. Coventry, 18 Feb. 1734/5, Joseph Herrick, b. Preston, Conn., 1 Mar. 1711, d. Coventry, Dec. 1796, son of Samuel and Mehitabel (Woodward) Herrick.

2. Nathaniel⁴ Rust, Jr., b. Northampton, Mass., Dec. 1695, d. Coventry, Conn., end of 1742 or very early in 1743; m. Coventry, 19 Apr. 1716, Hannah Hatch, who by 1747 had married ——— Fowler.

The will of Nathaniel Rust, Jr., of Coventry is dated 1 Aug. 1740, proved 17 Jan. 1742/3 [Windham Probate Records, Vol. 3, p. 85]. It mentions wife Hannah and brother Samuel Rust, and the fact that his father was still living. Children: son Simeon, daughter Elizabeth Ladd, son Melitiah—to have land east end of Ezekiel Herrick's; sons: Matthias, Jehiel, Joseph, Nathaniel; daughters: Rebecca, Margaret and Abiall Rust and Elisabeth Ladd.

Children, all b. Coventry, Conn.:

- i. Simeon⁵, b. 24 Sept. 1717; m. 22 Oct. 1741, Sarah Long.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. 9 July 1720; m. (1) 16 Nov. 1738, Nathaniel Ladd, Jr., who d. 19 Dec. 1744, son of Nathaniel Ladd; m. (2) ——— Warner.
- iii. Margaret, b. 31 Dec. 1722; m. (1) 13 Feb. 1742/3, John Sabin of Norwich, who d. Coventry, 28 Nov. 1749 in his 28th yr.; m. (2) ——— Hunt.
- iv. Melitiah, b. 4 July 1724; d. Woodbury, Conn.; see the Rust genealogy for details.
- v. Matthias, b. 2 Apr. 1726; d. Hartford, Vt., 31 May 1805; m. 6 Feb. 1749/50, Lucy Fitch, who d. Hartford,

- Vt., 1 Jan. 1804 ae. 73.
- vi. Abial, b. 13 Jan. 1728; m. Mansfield, Conn., 5 Nov. 1747, Silas Paddock.
 - vii. Jehiel, b. 27 July 1730; was of Cornwallis, Halifax, Nova Scotia in March 1775 (Coventry L.R. 6:249). The Rust genealogy says he m. 25 Oct. 1759, Lucy Chappell of Lebanon, and had one child b. 5 Dec. 1787(?).
 - viii. Hannah, b. 25 Mar. 1732; prob. d. young.
 - ix. Rebecca, b. 28 July 1733; m. Coventry, Conn., 19 Feb. 1752, Absalom Kingsbury.
 - x. Nathaniel, b. 31 Oct. 1735; d. young.
 - xi. Joseph, b. 26 Mar. 1737; m. Coventry, Conn., 1 Sept. 1763, Tabitha Kingsbury of Norwich.
 - xii. Nathaniel, b. 21 Aug. 1739; m. Hannah Burroughs, according to the Rust genealogy.

3. Samuel⁴ Rust, b. Northampton, Mass., 10 May 1703, d. Coventry, Conn., 6 Sept. 1773; m. (1) Coventry, 17 May 1716, Sarah —; m. (2) 2 July 1722, Sarah Hockins.

Child by first wife, b. Coventry:

- 1. Anne⁵, b. 17 May 1720; m. 30 Aug. 1747, Lemuel Richardson.

Children by second wife, b. Coventry:

- ii. Freelove, b. 25 May 1724; m. 20 July 1742, Eleazar Kingsbury.
- iii. Samuel, b. 23 Feb. 1727/8; d. Coventry, 26 Sept. 1740.
- iv. Sarah, b. 4 June 1732; d. 7 Oct. 1804; m. 26 July 1749, William Willson, b. Killingly, Conn., 8 June 1729, d. Coventry, 1819 ae. 90, son of John and Dorothy (Barber) Willson. William Willson was in the Lexington Alarm; Revolutionary soldier (Lieut. and Capt.).
- v. Nathaniel, b. 15 May 1735; d. 30 Sept. 1740.
- vi. Zebulon, b. 12 July 1737; d. 23 Sept. 1740.
- vii. Chloe, b. 14 May 1742; d. 11 Apr. 1814; perhaps a dau. b. 23 Nov. 1768 called Elizabeth Scripture.

4. Noah⁴ Rust, b. 24 July 1708, d. Coventry, 11 Dec. 1746; m. Coventry, 2 Nov. 1727, Keziah Strong. Children, b. Coventry, Conn.:

- i. Deliverance⁵ (Dillah or Dille), b. 11 July 1729; d. Tyringham, Mass., 6 Sept. 1813 in her 85th yr.; m. Coventry, 16 May 1745, Stephen Taylor, who d. Tyringham, 11 Nov. 1815 ae. 92.
- ii. Noah, b. 28 Jan. 1731; d. Hartford (Orford parish, now Manchester), Conn., 22 Sept. 1768 in 37th yr. (g.s.); m. Elizabeth —, b. 1736, d. Orford (Manchester), 26 Jan. 1783 in 47th yr. (g.s.). Had at least two children: Richard⁶, d. 2 Jan. 1756 ae. 1 mo. 21 ds., and Elizabeth, d. 22 Feb. 1761 in 2nd yr. Apparently did not have two wives as listed in the Rust genealogy.

- iii. Amaziah, b. 4 June 1733; m. Coventry, 26 Aug. 1753, Mary Marsh. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and had several children—five listed on Coventry V.R., of whom several d. in infancy.
- iv. Keziah, b. 16 Aug. 1735; m. ——— Holt.
- v. Chloe, b. 19 Dec. 1737; d. Coventry, 4 Sept. 1739.
- vi. Elijah, b. 10 Apr. 1740; d. Coventry, 19 Nov. 1763 in 24th yr.
- vii. Samuel, b. say 1743.
- viii. Chloe, b. 23 June 1747; d. Coventry, 28 July 1747.

5. Daniel⁴ Rust, b. 18 Feb. 1711, d. before 1760; m. (1) Hartford First Church, 26 Apr. 1731, Anna White, who d. Coventry, 21 July 1748 in her 41st yr.; m. (2) Coventry, 27 Oct. 1748, widow Mary Mead, who d. 23 Sept. 1775 in her 63rd yr. (gravestone), the widow of Dr. John Mead, who d. Coventry, 12 Sept. 1746 in his 40th yr. (gravestone).

Children by first wife, b. Coventry:

- i. Mercy⁵, b. 11 June 1732; d. 15 Aug. 1739.
- ii. Daniel, b. 16 Apr. 1734; m. Coventry, 16 Feb. 1762, Mary Parker.
- iii. Anne, b. 26 Sept. 1736; d. 23 Aug. 1739.
- iv. Gershom, b. ca. 1738; m. probably Mary Cogley, and had one child recorded at Coventry: Justen⁶, b. 23 Apr. 1764.
- v. Lemuel, b. 11 Feb. 1740/1; m. Azubah Kingsley.
- vi. Zebulon, b. 5 Jan. 1742/3.
- vii. Mercy, b. 27 Dec. 1744; m. int. 23 Nov. 1763, Abner Clapp.
- viii. Maybell, b. ca. 1746.
- ix. Anna, b. 14 Mar. 1747; m. ca. 1768, John Strong, Jr.

Child by second wife, b. Coventry:

- x. Nathaniel Willson, b. 16 Apr. 1750; m. Coventry, 22 Apr. 1779, Rachel Babcock.

ENGLISH CLUES
MATTHEW PRIOR AND LAUNCELOT GRANGER

By Herbert F. Seversmith, Ph.D., Bethesda, Maryland

The parish registers of Shillington, Bedfordshire, contain suggestive items on the Prior and Granger families.

Prior

Baptisms

11 July 1613	Ann, dau. of Matthew Prior
9 Mar. 1616	Thomas, son of Matthew Prior
12 Mar. 1619	John, son of Matthew Prior
16 June 1622	William, son of Matthew Prior
5 Sept. 1624	John, son of Matthew Prior
11 Feb. 1626	Robert, son of Matthew Prior
10 Oct. 1630	Matthew, son of Matthew Prior
22 Apr. 1637	Samuel, son of Matthew Prior

Marriages

8 June 1631 Matthew Pryor & Elizabeth Paxe

Matthew Prior with his family was living in Brookhaven, Long Island, as early as 1664. The births of five children of Matthew and Mary Prior (1651-1672) are entered in the records of the New York Society of Friends.

Baptisms

25 Jan. 1635	John, son of Launcelot Granger
28 June 1637	Launcelot, son of Launcelot Granger

Launcelot Granger of Newbury, Mass., and Suffield, Conn., married in 1653/4 and had children born to 1673. His marriage is of course too early for him to be the Launcelot baptized in 1637. However, the name Launcelot is not a common one, and the combination with Granger is a remarkable coincidence if there was no connection between the New England settler and the Bedfordshire family.

Incidentally, in the same parish we note the baptism on 31 Jan. 1612 of John, son of Peter Prudden. Possibly this may refer to Peter, the uncle of the Rev. Peter Prudden [ante, vol. 16, p. 26].

The contributor offers the above items on the chance that they may prove helpful clues, but has made no study of the families involved and makes no claims of identification of the American colonists with individuals of the same name in the English parish.

ERRATA

"Roger Williams," by Winifred Lovering Holman, October 1952, Vol. 28, page 201, at line 23, Nantasket was erroneously made to read Nantucket by a mistake of the Editor in preparing the copy; while on page 203, at line 20, Slate Rock, through a type error of the contributor, was incorrectly converted into State Rock. The contributor wishes to thank G. Andrews Moriarty, Esq., for calling her attention to these misprints.

"Alleged Royal Ancestry of Alice (Tomes) Welles," by Donald Lines Jacobus, July 1952, Vol. 28, Mitton pedigree on p. 166. This pedigree was inserted to aid in understanding the discussion of Margaret Mitton's parentage in the text, and her parentage seemed so uncertain that no study was made of the wives in the alleged ancestry. Walter G. Davis, Esq., of Portland, Maine, has done considerable research on the Mitton family, and kindly informs us that Richard of Weston was son of Renald ["Reginald"] Mitton by his wife Eleanor Le Skinner [not Anne Vaughan]; also that the mother of John Mitton who married Constance Beaumont was Anne Swinnerton, the first wife of his father John Mitton, and not Joan Middlemore, the second wife. He writes, "I doubt very much whether the Mitton girl who, according to the visitation, married Robert Fulwood can be successfully attached to the Mittons of Weston." He states that there was more than one junior branch of the Mitton family in Shrewsbury.

WHO WANTS WHAT AND WHERE

BENTLEY. Wanted: The birthplace and parentage of John Bentley, born possibly in Massachusetts 14 March 1782, died an old man at Bluffton, Ohio, 21 July 1863. By his wife, Nancy Patten, whom he married in Western Pennsylvania 13 July 1814, he was the father of three daughters and two sons (John Patten and Thomas Jefferson). Fifty dollars will pay for the proof of the "identity" of John Bentley, -to the first person sending the information.

C. H. Cory, Jr.
2645 3rd Avenue North
St. Petersburg 3, Florida

SHERWOOD. Ancestry, with proof, wanted of Capt. Moses Sherwood (1748-1801) who married 26 Dec. 1768 Elizabeth Moulénaur (Molyneux, Mulenor, Mullinex). At the time of his death, he was living at 166 Division Street, New York City. Was he son of Moses, b. Rye about 1700, settled in Phillipsburg before 1742, and listed as an inn-keeper there in 1760-61?

Mrs. Fred Alleman, R.F.D. 1, Washington, N.J.

STILWELL-EARLE. Data wanted on Ezekiel Stilwell, b. about 1770, a merchant in New York, and his wife Mary Earle, married about 1794. Their son, Barnet Stilwell, lived with his brother, after Ezekiel's death, in Bergen County, N.J.; married Jane Hall and settled near Mogadore, Ohio, where he raised a large family.

Warren W. Weston
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RECENT BOOKS

Marriages of Prince Edward County, Va., 1754-1810, 1950. Marriages of Charlotte County, Va., 1764-1815, 1951. Marriages of Sussex County, Va., 1754-1810, 1952. Compiled and published by Catherine Lindsay Knorr. Paper, mimeographed. Each \$5.00, net, post-paid. Order from Mrs. H. A. Knorr, 1401 Linden Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

A "must" for all libraries, public or private, which have a section devoted to Southern Genealogy. The importance of making available these many early marriage records cannot be exaggerated, though the drudgery of copying the records and preparing them for publication must often seem a thankless task to the compiler. The third of these booklets contains 111 pages. The grooms appear in alphabetical order, and there is an index of brides.

The Pennocks of Primitive Hall. Written for the Chester County Historical Society by George Valentine Massey II, 1951. Cloth, 139 p., 8 illustrations, index, chart.

An attractive volume, beautifully printed and bound, with many citations of public documents, Quaker records and other original sources. Christopher Pennock, who founded the family in Pennsylvania, was a Quaker from Cork, Ireland. Descendants are not brought down to date. The book is rather a history of the early generations of a family which came to America in 1684, and as such is unusually complete and interesting.

The Genealogy of the Booth Family. Booth Families of Connecticut for Six or More Generations. Compiled by Donald L. Jacobus. Published by Eden C. Booth, Pleasant Hill, Mo., 1952. Paper, lithoprinted, 149 p., indexed.

Deals mainly with the family of Richard Booth of Stratford, Conn., roughly to 1800 or beyond, with some data on the Enfield family descended from Robert Booth.

It should form a solid basis for a future complete genealogy, since many of the original record sources were covered for the early generations, errors in previous works were corrected, and much new data added. In connection with the Kirby marriage of one of the Booths, information on one branch of the Kirby family, not included in the printed genealogy of that family, is here set forth. The binding is neat and attractive, the lithoprinting well done, and there are five pages with pictures, also a reproduction of a map of Stratford showing the home lots of the early settlers.

THE FOUR SPENCER BROTHERS
THEIR ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

(Continued from Vol. 28, p. 128)

Chapter V: Generations Five and Six

Compiled by Donald L. Jacobus, including data
supplied by Mrs. William C. Clark and others

Note: It had been planned for Mr. Jacobus to prepare the draft for this and the final chapters of the Spencer genealogy during the summer of 1952, and to submit it to Mrs. Clark for additions and revision. Instead, following a death in his family and a period of strain and overwork, Mr. Jacobus took a vacation! Hence the plan was not carried out, and it seems inexpedient to delay longer the publication of the present chapter. A rough draft has finally been prepared, but so badly scribbled up that it is doubtful whether another person would be able to figure it out and utilize it. Collaboration in compiling an extensive genealogical article, between two people living at a distance, is bound to be a difficult and time-consuming process. It therefore seems best to proceed with what has been collected, incomplete though it be, and with gratitude to Mrs. Clark and others whose aid has made the genealogy even as complete as it is. Corrections and important additions (within the imposed limit of the first six American generations) will be welcomed.

96. Ebenezer⁴ Spencer (John³, Samuel², Thomas¹), born at Windham, Conn., 8 May 1714, died there 28 Apr. 1748; married at Windham, 29 Sept. 1736, Sarah Hebart, born there 27 June 1717, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Crane) Hebart.

Children, born at Windham:

1. Nathaniel⁵, b. 22 Oct. 1737; bp. 23 Oct. 1737; d. in Chenango Co., N.Y., in 1807; will 29 July 1803, proved 4 June 1807; m. Hannah —, living 1803. Children, b. at Bennington, Vt.:
 1. Ebenezer⁶, b. 27 Aug. 1762; living 1803.
 2. Levinah, b. 5 Jan. 1766; not named in father's will unless (as is possible) the name Levinah is a misreading for Zeruah, below.
 3. Nathaniel, b. 19 Jan. 1769; d. by 1803 leaving a son Joseph.
 4. Hannah, b. 22 Jan. 1772; m. Elisha Wood.
 5. Zeruah, m. Perez Gilmore.
 6. William, b. 25 Dec. 1779; not named in father's will.
11. Deborah, b. 9 Oct. 1739; bp. 14 Oct. 1739; prob. m. at Sharon, Conn., 12 Jan. 1764, James Palmer.
111. Gideon, b. 14 Sept. 1741; d. at Vergennes, Vt., in 1819; served in Revolution 1781-2 from Windham Co., Vt.; m. at Sharon, Conn., 4 Nov. 1764, Zerviah Buck. Children:
 1. Eleazer Bostick⁶, b. at Bennington, Vt., 13 Aug. 1765.
 2. Jonathan, b. ca. 1767; d. at Panton, Vt., 25 Dec. 1835 ae. 68; m. at Panton, 25 Nov. 1792, Joanna Seeger, b. in Vt., ca. 1774, living 1850.
 3. Gideon, b. before 1774; m. and had three children under 10 in 1800.
 4. A son, b. before 1774; unm. in 1800.
 5. Serviah, b. between 1774 and 1784; m. Alexander Brush.
- iv. Gershom, b. 28 Apr. 1744; d. 8 June 1744.
- v. Elizabeth, b. 27 Oct. 1745; prob. m. at Sharon, Conn., 16 Mar. 1773, Zachariah Dibble.
- vi. Benjamin, b. 16 Feb. 1747/8; d. 27 July 1748.

97. John⁴ Spencer (John³, Samuel², Thomas¹), born at Windham, Conn., 24 Jan. 1723/4, died there 6 Mar. 1766 [gravestone at Scotland, Conn., has been read, d. 6 Mar. 1776 ae. 42, which is wrong]; married at Windham, 5 Nov. 1746, Mary Simons, b. 1 Aug. 1726. Children, born at Windham:

- i. Silas⁵, b. 20 June 1747; d. 17 Sept. 1747.
- ii. Jerusha, b. 2 Aug. 1748; d. 4 Dec. 1749.
111. John, b. 4 June 1751.
- iv. Jeduthan, b. 19 Aug. 1753; killed on building, Scotland, Conn., 17 Aug. 1812; m. at Windham, 13 Aug. 1776, Abigail Brown. Children:
 1. Mary⁶, b. 3 Sept. 1777; d. 29 Jan. 1781.
 2. Elisha, b. 1 June 1779; d. young?
 3. Ichabod, b. July 1781; d. at Scotland, 12 May 1853; m. (1) Henrietta Babcock, b. 31 Jan. 1786, d. 27 Jan. 1827, dau. of Joseph; m. (2) 20 June 1830, Ruth (Washburn) Clark, who d. 12 Aug. 1859, widow of Charles Clark.

4. John L., b. 3 Oct. 1783; m. Lucy Fuller.
5. Elizabeth, b. 27 Aug. 1785; d. 2 Oct. 1785.
6. James H., b. 16 Jan. 1787; m. and had three children.
7. (perhaps) Eunice, b. ca. 1789; d. Jan. 1808 ae. 19.
8. Elias, b. 18 Jan. 1793; m. 22 Oct. 1816, Almira Rogers, dau. of Lovell.
9. George, b. 29 Apr. 1795; d. 17 May 1795.
- v. Silas, b. 14 Feb. 1755; d. at Hampton, Conn., 24 Sept. 1829 ae. 73 (g.s.); m. Mary Farnham, b. ca. 1758, d. 1 Jan. 1839 ae. 81 (g.s.).
- vi. Elijah, b. 14 Feb. 1758.
- vii. Jerusha, b. 11 July 1760; m. 1 Jan. 1784, Nathaniel Hodgkins.
- viii. Samuel, b. 14 July 1762. According to the Barbour Index at the State Library, Windham V.R. give his marriage, 2 Apr. 1784, to Edith Reed, and the births of two children: Orran⁶, 7 Apr. 1785, and Lucy, 2 May 1787. However, from family sources, this Samuel d. 20 Oct. 1826, having m. 22 Feb. 1793, Sarah Reed, b. 3 July 1757, d. 2 Mar. 1843; and the son Orrin was b. 28 May 1795. Orrin's death record at Washington, R. I., states that he was b. at Windham and d. 14 June 1878 ae. 83 yrs. 17 days. Edith Reed was b. 17 Feb. 1763, more suitable in age than Sarah for Samuel's wife, but apparently was unm. in 1803; while Reed probate indicates that Sarah m. a Spencer. Edith and Sarah were sisters, daus. of Joshua and Edith (Bidlack) Reed. The will of their half-brother, Beriah Reed, 1811, names niece Lucy Spencer.
- ix. Ichabod, b. 16 July 1764; d. 13 Oct. 1780.
- x. Mary, b. 13 Sept. 1766; d. 23 Oct. 1775.

98. David⁴ Spencer (John³, Samuel², Thomas¹), born at Windham, Conn., 27 May 1731, died at Windham, 24 Jan. 1805, aged 74; married at Windham, 16 June 1762, Mary Hill, daughter of Zaccheus and Mary (Squier) Hill. Children, born at Windham:

- i. Zaccheus⁵, b. 31 Jan. 1763; d. at Lempster, N.H., 15 Mar. 1799; m. at Scotland, Conn., 11 June 1789, Irene Robinson. Children, b. at Lempster:
 1. Ralph⁶, b. 9 Dec. 1789; m. at Lempster, 26 Jan. 1815, Deborah Smith of Goshen.
 2. Sophia, b. 23 Feb. 1792; m. Truman Booth.
 3. Marvin, b. 24 June 1798.
- ii. Phineas, b. 22 Oct. 1764; d. between 6 and 29 Sept. 1828, unm.
- iii. Lois, b. 16 Sept. 1767; m. 15 Oct. 1792, Abel Spofford.
- iv. Jesse, b. 26 July 1771; d. 26 May 1771.
- v. Anne, b. 29 May 1773; d. unm. before 19 Jan. 1853, when administration on estate was granted.
- vi. Polly, b. 16 Sept. 1776; m. at Scotland, 11 Apr. 1802, David Fuller. Children: Lois, Nancy, Emeline, and Jacob.

99. John⁴ Spencer (Jared³, Jared², Thomas¹), born at Hartford, Conn., 20 Dec. 1710, died at New Hartford, Conn., 24 June 1780, aged 69 (gravestone); will 21 June 1780, proved 18 July 1780; married at New Hartford, 14 Apr. 17[40?], Mary Hubbard, born at Middletown, Conn., 20 Sept. 1713, died at New Hartford, 4 Oct. 1802, aged 89, daughter of John and Mary (Phillips) Hubbard.

John and Mary Spencer of New Hartford sold land that came from father John Hubbard, 13 Oct. 1743, also 6 Feb. 1756 [Middletown Deeds, 13:556; 14:271].

Children, born at New Hartford:

1. John⁵, b. 26 Jan. 1742; bp. 31 Jan. 1742; d. at New Hartford, 9 Jan. 1826 ae. 83 (church rec., ae. 82, g.s.); m. (1) at New Hartford, 19 Nov. 1765, Deborah Dowd, who d. 2 Nov. 1773 ae. 30 (g.s.), dau. of Isaac Dowd (proved by Middletown Deeds, 25:184); m. (2) at New Hartford, 1 June 1775, Jerusha Henderson, b. ca. 1741, d. 19 Dec. 1813 ae. 72. Children by first wife:
 1. Michael⁶, b. 8 Sept. 1766; bp. 14 Sept. 1766.
 2. Olive, b. 19 Nov. 1768; "Ollbray" or "Allbray" (Aubrev) bp. 4 Dec. 1768; m. 24 Nov. 1785, Amos Tuft.
 3. Phinehas, b. 23 Nov. 1770; d. 25 Sept. 1776.
 4. Isaac, b. 12 Feb. 1773; bp. 18 Apr. 1773; d. 20 Sept. 1776.
 Children by second wife:
 5. Phinehas, bp. 4 May 1777.
 6. Deborah, bp. 1 Aug. 1779.
 7. John, bp. 13 Sept. 1782; Capt.; m. Rachel —, b. ca. 1783, d. 29 May 1820 ae. 37 (g.s.).
- ii. Michael, b. 9 Mar. 1746; bp. 9 Mar. 1746; d. 12 June 1756.
- iii. Susanna, b. 20 Sept. 1747; bp. 11 Oct. 1747; perhaps m. 3 Jan. 1781, William Barrett.
- iv. Mary, b. 4 Feb. 1749/50; bp. 25 Mar. 1750; m. 17 Nov. 1777, Benjamin Bartholomew.
- v. Ezra, b. 20 May 1752; bp. 7 June 1752; d. 6 Nov. 1777 ae. 25 (g.s.).
- vi. Dorcas, b. 9 May 1754; bp. 19 May 1754.
- vii. Submit, b. 15 Aug. 1756; bp. 22 Aug. 1756; d. 2 Nov. 1756.

100. Nathaniel Bearding⁴ Spencer (Jared³, Jared², Thomas¹), baptized at Hartford, Conn., 10 May 1724, died at New Hartford, Conn., 26 July 1773, aged 49 (gravestone); married about 1747, Theodosia Bunce, baptized at Hartford, 29 Dec. 1723, died at New Hartford, 27 July 1803, in 80th year, daughter of John and Abigail (Sanford) Bunce.

He often appears in records without the middle name. Children, born at New Hartford:

- i. Nathaniel⁵, b. 10 Apr. 1748; d. at New Hartford, 6 July 1825 ae. 77 (g.s.); will 18 Mar. 1819, proved 3 Aug. 1825; m. (1) Lois Steele, b. ca. 1748, d. at New Hartford, 17 Sept. 1798 ae. 50 (g.s.); m. (2) Elizabeth Pitkin, b. ca. 1753, d. at New Hartford, 16 June 1813 ae. 60 (g.s.). Children by first wife, b. at New Hartford:
 1. Amelia⁶, b. 21 Oct. 1770; bp. 11 Aug. 1771; d. 8 Aug. 1811 ae. 40 (g.s.); m. 3 May 1792, Arnold Humphrey of Simsbury.
 2. Lois, b. 29 Aug. 1772; bp. 6 Sept. 1772; m. Oliver Case.
 3. Nathaniel, b. 1 Aug. 1774; bp. 4 Sept. 1774.
 4. Lydia, b. 15 Sept. 1776; m. Reuben Loomis.
 5. Elizur, b. say 1778.
 6. Josiah, b. 25 Feb. 1781; bp. 6 May 1781; res. (1825) Lee, Mass., and (1854) Springfield, Ohio; m. at New Hartford, 3 Feb. 1803, Mary-an Marsh, who d. 4 June 1841 ae. 57, dau. of Gen. Isaac. Six children.
 7. Enan, bp. 2 May 1784.
 8. Amanda, bp. 12 Mar. 1786; m. 9 Jan. 1809, Asa-hel Kellogg.
 9. Milton, bp. 27 July 1788.
- ii. Ashbel, b. 19 July 1749; bp. 23 July 1749; d. Aug. 1749.
- iii. Ashbel, b. 25 May 1750; bp. 27 May 1750; d. at New Hartford, 14 Aug. 1821 ae. 71 (g.s.); m. Dorcas —, who d. 17 Sept. 1841 ae. 87 (g.s.).
- iv. Isaac, b. 29 Nov. 1751; bp. 8 Dec. 1751; d. 1 July 1778; m. 18 July 1776, Anna Taylor, who d. 19 Jan. 1778 ae. 24 (g.s.). Child:
 1. Isaac⁶, bp. 15 Mar. 1778.
- v. Anna, b. 18 June 1753; bp. 24 June 1753; m. 28 June 1781, Moses Douglas.
- vi. James, b. 10 Mar. 1755; d. 23 July 1802; m. Thankful Potter, b. ca. 1761, dau. of Gideon and Keziah (Leavit) Potter, — (m. 14 Nov. 1784).
- vii. Lucretia, b. 30 Apr. 1757; bp. 15 May 1757; d. 10 Sept. 1833 ae. 76-4-11 (Bible record); m. 9 Dec. 1779, Ezekiel Bissell, Jr., of Torrington, Conn.
- viii. Huldah, b. 3 Apr. 1759; bp. 15 Apr. 1759.
- ix. Asa, b. 9 Jan. 1761; bp. 11 Jan. 1761.
- x. Gerrard (Jared), b. 7 Jan. 1763; bp. 16 Jan. 1763.
- xi. Theodosia, b. 31 Oct. 1764; bp. 4 Nov. 1764; d. 31 Jan. 1765.
- xii. Josiah, b. 5 Dec. 1766; bp. 8 Dec. 1766; d. 3 Dec. 1775.
- xiii. Theodosia, b. 23 Mar. 1768; bp. 3 Apr. 1768; m. 3 May 1792, Samuel Douglas.

140. Alexander⁴ Spencer (Alexander³, William², ?Michael¹), born [say 1724], died —; married at Sharon, Conn., 25 Feb. 1750, Deborah Frisbie, born 8 June 1732, daughter of Deac. Ebenezer and Silence (Brockett) Frisbie.

In the 1790 Census, under Litchfield (which included Sharon and other towns), is listed Alexander Spensor (4 males over 16 and 2 females), and immediately under him Hezekiah Spensor (1 male over 16, 1 male under 16, and 2 females), and Hezekiah Frisbie is listed a couple of names above. Thomas Spensor (No. 141? with a male under 16 and 6 females) is listed some score of names below. Hezekiah Frisbie was a brother of Deborah, and later moved to Duanesburg, N.Y.

Children, born at Sharon [record incomplete]:

- i. William⁵, b. 29 Nov. 1751.
- ii. Ephraim, b. 8 June 1753.
- iii. Alexander, b. 8 July 1755.
- iv. Hezekiah, b. 26 Jan. 1758.

144. Sergt. John⁴ Spencer (Gerard³, John², Gerard¹), born at Haddam, Conn., 28 Mar. 1694, died there 26 Apr. 1735 in 42nd year; will 7 Feb. 1734/5, proved 4 May 1736; married at Haddam, 29 Mar. 1722, Elizabeth ———.

His sons James (in 1757) and Joseph (in 1755) were of Bolton when they sold land in Haddam [Haddam Deeds, 6:127, 842]. James chose Timothy Olcott of Bolton for his guardian, 24 May 1743. From this, and the admission of Elizabeth Olcott to the Bolton Church from Haddam in July 1743, it seems clear that John Spencer's widow had married Timothy Olcott.

Children, born at Haddam:

- i. Jeremiah⁵, b. 21 Aug. 1723; d. at Claremont, N.H., in 1769; m. at Haddam, 19 Feb. 1745/6, Elizabeth Shailor, b. at Haddam, 26 July 1728, dau. of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Lewis) Shailor. The widow Elizabeth Spencer of Claremont, N.H., conveyed 12 Oct. 1771 (Haddam Deeds, 10:383). She m. (2) 9 June 1774, Edward Goodwin. Children, b. at Haddam:
 1. John⁶, b. 2 Mar. 1746/7; left Claremont 1787 and moved to Cape Breton Island; m. ca. 1772 Esther (Bunnell) Royce, b. at Wallingford, Conn., 30 Nov. 1737, dau. of Hezekiah and Esther (Bristol) Bunnell. Had sons Hezekiah (b. 16 Dec. 1772), John (b. 1 Jan. 1775) and Nathaniel.
 2. Elizabeth, b. 11 Dec. 1748.
 3. Jeremiah, b. 25 Mar. 1750/1; res. (1790) Claremont; d. at Lynn, Pa., 11 July 1825 ae. 75; m. 29 May 1773, Tirzah Ashley, who d. at Lynn, Pa., 2 Apr. 1831 ae. 87; had seven children. A surveyor, sent by Susquehanna Company about 1799 to make surveys.
 4. Sarah Shailor, b. 19 Mar. 1753.
 5. Hezekiah, b. 23 Feb. 1755.
 6. Reuben, bp. 2 Jan. 1757; res. (1790) Claremont.
 7. Elsie, bp. July 1758.

8. Ezra, bp. Apr. 1760.
9. Samuel, bp. Aug. 1761.
10. Lewis, bp. 13 Mar. 1763.
11. Dolly, bp. Feb. 1765.
12. Mary, bp. Feb. 1767.
- ii. James, b. 20 Aug. 1727; m. at Bolton, Conn., 21 Nov. 1751, Esther Birge. Widow Esther Spencer m. at Bolton, 7 Sept. 1780, Richard Skinner. James d.ca. 1776, Wyoming, Pa. Children, b. at Bolton:
 1. James⁶, b. 17 Mar. 1753; bp. 18 Mar. 1753; d.y.
 2. Levi, b. 1 May 1755; bp. 4 May 1755; d. v.
 3. Esther, b. 3 Apr. 1758; bp. 9 Apr. 1758.
 4. Aaron, bp. 6 May 1764.
 5. Abigail, bp. 8 Feb. 1767; possibly m. 27 Nov. 1789 (at Bolton), Elijah Blackman.
 6. Jeremiah, bp. 11 Feb. 1770; see Hist. Torrington.
 7. Abner, bp. 14 Feb. 1773.
- iii. Deborah, b. (say 1730); m. at Bolton, Conn., 3 Apr. 1751, Joshua Dart, b. at Bolton, 14 Aug. 1727, son of Daniel and Jemima (Shailor) Dart. Removed ca. 1770 to Gilsum, N.H., later to Weathersfield, Vt.
- iv. Joseph, b. 2 July 1733; rem. to Gilsum, N.H.; m. at Bolton, Conn., 30 Aug. 1753, Lucy Dart, b. at Bolton, 7 Dec. 1735, dau. of Daniel and Jemima (Shailor) Dart. Children, first four b. at Bolton:
 1. Lucy⁶, bp. 24 Feb. 1754.
 2. Joseph, b. 25 Feb. 1756; bp. 29 Feb. 1756.
 3. Jerusha, b. 9 Apr. 1758; bp. 16 Apr. 1758.
 4. Rhoda, bp. 28 Sept. 1760.
 5. Elijah, d. at Gilsum, N.H., 13 Jan. 1769.
 6. Erastus.
 7. Luther, b. at Gilsum, 17 May 1766.
 8. Chloe, b. at Gilsum, 11 Aug. 1768.
 9. Ruth, b. at Surry, N.H., 9 Apr. 1771.

145. Gerard⁴ [Jared] Spencer (Gerard³, John², Gerard¹), born at Haddam, Conn., 12 Aug. 1699, died before 1753; married Elizabeth Shailor, born at Haddam, 21 June 1700, died at Southington, Conn., 10 Jan. 1766, daughter of Capt. Thomas and Katharine (—) Shailor. Her death record is based on the supposition that she was the "widow Elisabeth" Spencer who married at Meriden [then in Wallingford], Conn., 16 May 1754, John Potter, b. at New Haven, 14 June 1695, d. at Southington, 18 Feb. 1784, as the second of his three wives.

We have found no probate of this Jared, nor births or baptisms of his children, hence the record of this family is incomplete and in part conjectural. On 6 Sept. 1753, Elizabeth Spencer of Wallingford, widow of Jared of Haddam, sold land laid out to Capt. Thomas Shailor [Haddam Deeds, 6:45]; this deed was witnessed by Jared and Peleg Spencer, and since they appear as young adults in Wallingford [Meriden Parish] records of this period, we have no hesitation in placing them as sons of Jared and Elizabeth.

John Spencer of Haddam joined a number of Shailor heirs, 27 June 1774, in conveying land laid out on the right of Capt. Thomas Shailor; on 10 Mar. 1791, still of Haddam, he sold two parcels there, one being his homestead bounded on two sides by Shailor land, and on 20 Aug. 1792, being then of Durham, Conn., sold his last Haddam land [Haddam Deeds, 11:361, 362, 443]; he was of Haddam when he first purchased in Durham in 1791 [Durham Deeds]. Hence we place him as a probable son of Jared; and since Stephen Spencer was already living in Durham ahead of John and is not otherwise placed, we include him as a possible brother of John and son of Jared.

Children:

- i. Jared⁵, b. (say 1725); m. at Meriden, Conn., 2 May 1749, Susannah Dickinson. Children, b. at Wallingford:
 1. Thomas⁶, b. 23 Oct. 1750; d. at Barkhamsted, Conn., 12 Apr. 1814 ae. 64 (g.s.); m. 28 Apr. 1778, Lydia Bacon, b. at Middletown, Conn., 18 May 1754, dau. of Nathaniel and Amy (Harrison) Bacon (proved by Middletown Deeds, 29:3). Children, first two b. at Wallingford, third at Middletown, the rest at Barkhamsted:
 - (1) Amy⁷, b. 7 Nov. 1779.
 - (2) Lucretia, b. 22 Nov. 1781; d. at Barkhamsted, 7 Aug. 1785.
 - (3) Matthew, b. 8 Oct. 1783.
 - (4) Joel (twin), b. 7 June 1786.
 - (5) Lydia (twin), b. 7 June 1786.
 - (6) Noah Bacon, b. 11 Oct. 1788.
 - (7) Uriel, b. 2 July 1791.
 - (8) Roswell, b. 17 Sept. 1793.
 - (9) Lucretia, b. 6 Jan. 1796.
 2. John, b. 16 Dec. 1753.
 3. Susannah, b. 2 Oct. 1755.
 4. Jesse, b. 19 May 1757.
 5. Noah, b. 13 Jan. 1762.
- ii. Peleg, b. (say 1730); m. at Wallingford, Conn., 17 Apr. 1755(?), Ruth Royce, b. at Wallingford, 31 Aug. 1735, dau. of Timothy and Mindwell (Whaples) Royce. Children, b. at Wallingford:
 1. Samuel⁶, b. 3 Feb. 1756.
 2. Peleg, b. 12 Feb. 1758; res. New Lebanon, Columbia Co., N.Y., will 11 May 1832, proved 5 July 1842; m. Anna Smith. Children: George W.; Hiram P.; Mercia; Lucia, m. Niles Haddsell; Delia Ann, m. (1) ——— Janes, (2) Joshua Gorton of Hancock, Mass.; Maria, m. David P. Gilbert of New Lebanon; Harriet M., m. Charles A. Jefferies of Howell, Livingston Co., Mich; and perhaps Horace (or a grandson?) of Rockport, Monroe Co., N.Y. For a son Allen (1783-1851), not named in will, see American Ancestry, 2:119.

3. Ruth, b. 13 May 1760.
 - iii. Lydia, b. (say 1732); m. at Meriden, 28 Nov. 1753, Joseph Rexford, b. 11 June 1732.
 - iv. Esther, b. (say 1736); m. at Wallingford, 10 Aug. 1759, Elisha Parker, b. 25 July 1735, son of Elisha and Susanna (Tuttle) Parker. Children were named: Elisha, Katharine, Chloe, Asahel, Esther, Polly, Shailor, Polly.
 - v. John, b. ca. 1738; d. at Durham, Conn., 26 Jan. 1818 ae. 79 (g.s.); m. in 1759, Alice Pratt, b. ca. 1734, d. 19 June 1812 ae. 78 (g.s.), dau. of Robert Pratt (Saybrook Deeds, 7:573). Children, b. at Haddam:
 1. Enos⁶, bp. June 1765; d. young.
 2. Thomas, bp. June 1765; d. young.
 3. Sarah, bp. June 1765; m. at First Cong. Church, Wallingford, 16 July 1781, Caleb Mattoon.
 4. Phebe, bp. Nov. 1766; d. 6 Jan. 1861 ae. 93; m. at Durham, 16 May 1787, Nathan Ozias Camp, b. 10 Feb. 1763, d. 16 May 1830 ae. 67, son of Elah and Phebe (Baldwin) Camp.
 5. Elizabeth, bp. Sept. 1769; m. at Durham, 17 Oct. 1788, Elias Camp, bp. 1 Sept. 1765, d. 12 Oct. 1826 ae. 61, son of Elah and Phebe (Baldwin) Camp.
 6. Nathan, bp. Sept. 1772; d. young.
 7. Lucy, bp. Nov. 1774; m. Joel Bartlett.
 8. Alice, bp. July 1779; m. Justus Hinman; res. (1825) Kinderhook, Columbia Co., N.Y. (Durham Deeds, 16:177).
 - vi. (possibly) Stephen, b. (say 1742); d. at Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., in 1803; of Durham 1770 and 1783 (Durham Deeds, 8:14; 9:251); m. there, 5 Dec. 1766, Rhoda Squire, b. 25 Nov. 1745, dau. of Josiah and Sarah Squire. Children, b. at Durham:
 1. Roger⁶, bp. 28 June 1767; m. Lois Bishop, dau. of Abiah and Abigail (Strong) Bishop of Guilford.
 2. Elizabeth, bp. 18 Sept. 1768; m. Nathaniel Ackley.
 3. Rachel, bp. 27 May 1770.
 4. Augustus, bp. 28 June 1772; m. Sarah V. Brown, who d. 24 July 1848; bought land in Manlius, Onondaga Co., N.Y., 1817; listed at Salina in Census, 1820 and 1830.
 5. Stephen, bp. 12 Dec. 1773. (Note: one Sally wife of a Stephen Spencer was admitted 4 June 1812 from Meriden, Conn., to Church in Whitesboro, Oneida Co., N.Y.)
 6. (possibly) Seth, b. ca. 1784, a pioneer of Manlius, N.Y.
146. Benjamin⁴ Spencer (Gerard³, John², Gerard¹), born at Haddam, Conn., 21 Apr. 1702, living there 1771; married Dorothy, by some considered to have been his father's first cousin, Dorothy³ Spencer, born at Haddam, 8 Mar. 1699, daughter of Nathaniel[No.23] and

Lydia (Bailey) Spencer.

He sold, 21 May 1771, land in right of grandfather John Spencer and father Gerard Spencer [Haddam Deeds, 8:286].

Children, born at Haddam:

- i. Benjamin⁵, b. 14 Nov. 1725; d. in 1763; inventory exhibited 1 Aug. 1763; m. at Killingworth, 11 Jan. 1759, Abigail Francis. Perhaps she m. (2) at Killingworth, 22 Jan. 1768, Roger Rose. Children, b. at Haddam:
 1. Jesse⁶, bp. June 1761.
 2. Hannah (Anner), bp. July 1762.
 - ii. David, b. 4 Apr. 1727; had a wife who d. at Meriden, Conn., 3 Apr. 1757. Probably m. again and removed; history not traced. It may be noted that on 7 Apr. 1755 (David's brother) Benjamin Spencer Jr. of Haddam bought 4 acres with a house in Meriden (Wallingford Deeds, 13:329), the deed being witnessed by Jared and David Spencer (this David and his first cousin). The purchase of a house suggests that Benjamin Jr. may possibly have been married before he m. Abigail Francis, and perhaps had older children. David had at least one child:
 1. David⁶, bp. at Meriden, 10 Aug. 1755.
 - iii. Elizur, b. 28 Jan. 1728/9; called Eleazer in V.R., but Elizur in Church records and Census; m. Abigail Hazelton. Children, b. at Haddam:
 1. Mary⁶, b. 21 June 1754; bp. July 1758; perhaps m. Apr. 1780, James Treadwell.
 2. Elizur, b. 4 June 1756; bp. July 1758.
 3. Susannah, b. 7 Sept. 1758; bp. Oct. 1758; m. Jan. 1781, ——— Johnson.
 4. James, b. 21 Nov. 1760; bp. Mar. 1761; m. in 1789, ——— Clark, dau. of Stephen.
 5. Abigail, b. 23 Feb. 1763; bp. May 1763; d. at S. Hadley, Mass., 22 Feb. 1815; m. 24 May 1787, Robert Brainerd, b. 29 Sept. 1765, d. at S. Hadley, 18 June 1831.
 6. Dorothy, b. 5 Aug. 1765; bp. Sept. 1765; d. at Barre, Mass., 9 Nov. 1825; m. in 1787, James Brainerd, b. 12 Dec. 1767, d. 13 July 1835.
 7. Henry, b. 28 Feb. 1769; bp. June 1769.
 8. Dinah, b. 3 Aug. 1771; bp. Sept. 1771.
 - iv. Anne, b. 27 Oct. 1732.
 - v. Dorothy, b. 2 Dec. 1740; quite prob. m. at Meriden, 6 Feb. 1758, Jesse Parker, b. at Wallingford, 16 Mar. 1736. It may be noted that she named a son Jared; and for all we know, Jared (No. 145) could also have had a daughter Dorothy.
147. Daniel⁴ Spencer (Gerard³, John², Gerard¹), born at Haddam, Conn., about 1707, died there in 1745; will 16 Apr. 1745, proved 20 July 1745; married at Haddam, 11 Dec. 1728, Sarah ———.
- Children, born at Haddam:

1. Daniel⁵, b. 1 Oct. 1729; d. at Haddam, 20 Jan. 1769 ae. 40 (g.s.); adm'n granted 6 Mar. 1769; distribution of estate in 1777; m. at Haddam, 1 Mar. 1753, Elizabeth Clark. Children, b. at Haddam:
 1. Daniel⁶, b. 2 Sept. 1753; bp. July 1757.
 2. Thomas, b. 1 Sept. 1755; bp. July 1757; d. y.
 3. Elizabeth, b. 13 Sept. 1757; bp. Oct. 1757; d. at Leyden, N.Y., 1 June 1822; m. at Haddam, 2 Jan. 1777, John Scovil, b. at Haddam, 14 Oct. 1749, d. at Leyden, 29 Nov. 1838.
 4. Sarah, b. 12 Jan. 1760; bp. Mar. 1760; d. at Haddam, 29 Nov. 1825; m. ca. 1780, Joseph Scovil, b. at Haddam, 31 Mar. 1757, d. there 1 Mar. 1839.
 5. Jerusha, b. 16 Oct. 1762.
 6. David, b. 18 Feb. 1766; bp. Apr. 1766; m. (1) 25 May 1788, Damaris Brainerd; m. (2) Martha (Doane) Pelton. Ten children by first wife, see Brainard-Brainerd Gen., vol. 1, James Line, p. 67.
 7. Jane, b. 9 May 1768; bp. July 1768; d. 2 Mar. 1826 ae. 58; m. 7 Mar. 1822, as second wife, James Kelly Child, b. at Warren, R.I., 30 Aug. 1763, d. 22 Mar. 1837 ae. 73.
 - ii. Jane, b. 11 Apr. 1732; probably m. Dan Townner of Killingworth. They conveyed, 30 June 1753, land granted "on right of John Spencer Deceased not yet laid out" (Haddam Deeds, 6:44).
 - iii. Abner, b. 11 Jan. 1735/6; d. at Haddam, 14 Oct. 1802 ae. 68 (g.s.); will 20 July 1802, proved 29 Nov. 1802; m. at Haddam, 19 Mar. 1769, Deborah Clark, who survived him. Children, b. at Haddam:
 1. Esther⁶, b. 9 Feb. 1770; bp. May 1775; d.y.
 2. Hezekiah, b. 30 Apr. 1771; bp. May 1775.
 3. Lydia, b. 4 Sept. 1773; bp. May 1775; d.y.
 4. Asenath, b. 5 Jan. 1776; bp. (as "Sena") Feb. 1776; called "Sarah" in Barbour Index.
 5. Lydia, b. 27 Sept. 1781.
148. Ephraim⁴ Spencer (Gerard³, John², Gerard¹), born at Haddam, Conn., about 1709-12, died there in 1745; will 18 Apr. 1745, proved 4 June 1746; married at Saybrook, Conn., 28 June 1738, Rebecca Spencer [No. 51, v], born at Saybrook, 5 Aug. 1712 [1711?], living (1770) Westminster, Vt. [Haddam Deeds, 8:135], daughter of Thomas and Anna (Douglas) Spencer.
Children, born at Haddam:
1. Rebecca⁵, b. 28 May 1739; m. William Crook (proof, Haddam Deeds, 6:255).
 - ii. Abraham, b. 31 Dec. 1740; d. in 1786; adm'n on estate granted 9 Oct. 1786; m. (1) at Haddam, 14 Mar. 1771, Drusilla Brainerd; m. (2) at Haddam, Dec. 1783, Sarah Hubbard. For further particulars, see Brainard-Brainerd Gen., vol. 1, James Line, p. 86. Children by first wife, b. at Haddam:

1. Drusilla⁶, b. 4 Apr. 1772; d. 10 May 1840; m. Ezra Rutty.
 2. Abraham, b. 16 July 1775; rem. to Leyden, N.Y.; m. at Killingworth, Nov. 1797, Temperance Butler.
 3. Sarah, b. 13 Jan. 1778; m. Israel Douglas of Chester, Conn.; rem. to Leyden, N.Y.
 4. Rebecca, b. 14 Apr. 1780; d. 23 Jan. 1861; m. Charles Smith.
 5. Prudence, b. 1 Mar. 1782; m. Joshua Douglas of Chester, Conn.; rem. to Leyden and Clinton, N.Y.
- iii. Samuel, b. 18 Apr. 1743; m. (1) at Haddam, 10 Jan. 1769, Anne Brooks, bp. as adult Feb. 1769; m. (2) at Haddam, 26 June 1771, Abigail Porter. Children by second wife, b. at Haddam: (perhaps others)
1. Thomas⁶, b. 30 Mar. 1772.
 2. Anna, b. 8 July 1773.
 3. Abigail, b. 23 Apr. 1775.
 4. Mary, b. 21 Sept. 1776.
- iv. Ephraim, b. 25 Nov. 1744; res. (1790) Westminster, Vt.
149. Jonathan⁴ Spencer (Jared³, Thomas², Gerard¹), born at Saybrook, Conn., (say 1704), died ; married at Saybrook, 24 May 1733, Content Platts, who was baptized as an adult 27 Oct. 1734, born at Killingworth, 31 May 1713, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (——) Platts.

Children, born at Saybrook:

- i. Jared⁵, bp. 27 Oct. 1734.
- ii. Jerusha, bp. 14 Dec. 1735.
- iii. Reuben, bp. ca. 1739.
(Probably others; this family may have moved to New York State)

150. Samuel⁴ Spencer (Jared³, Thomas², Gerard¹), born at Saybrook, Conn., about 1706, died there 8 Oct. 1779, aged 73; married Mary Carter, born about 1713, died at Westbrook, Conn., (as "Molly"), 11 Oct. 1806, aged 93.

They conveyed, 21 Sept. 1754, to brother Benjamin Carter of Killingworth, land from her father, Robert Carter [Killingworth Deeds, 8:532].

Children, born at Saybrook [Westbrook]:

- i. Samuel⁵, bp. 28 Sept. 1740; d. at Westbrook, 31 Mar. 1784 ae. 44 (g.s.); m. 11 Dec. 1763, Deborah Spencer (No. 151, iii), bp. June 1737, d. 5 Aug. 1810 ae. 73 (g.s.), dau. of Thomas and Deborah (——) Spencer.
Children:
 1. William⁶, bp. 28 Oct. 1764; d. 6 Mar. 1804 ae. 39 (g.s.); m. Phebe ———, who d. 25 May 1844 ae. 81 (g.s.).
 2. Mary, bp. 5 Oct. 1766; m. 8 Mar. 1795, John

Douglas.

3. Samuel, b. 5 Nov. 1768; bp. 1 Jan. 1769; d. 4 Feb. 1848 ae. 79 (g.s.); m. at Westbrook, 25 Aug. 1794, Elizabeth ("Betsey E.") Gladding, who d. 29 Nov. 1816 ae. 49 (g.s.).
4. Lucy, bp. 24 Feb. 1771; d. 25 — 1775 ae. 4.
5. Jared, bp. 5 Dec. 1773; d. 14 Jan. 1822 ae. 48 (g.s.); m. Jemima —, who d. 3 Dec. 1822 ae. 52 (g.s.).
6. Lucy, bp. 28 July 1776; m. — Brown.
7. Reuben, bp. 22 Aug. 1779.
- ii. Lucy, b. ca. 1743; d. 15 Sept. 1824 ae. 81 (g.s.); m. 19 Nov. 1767, Stephen Webb, b. ca. 1746, d. 1 Aug. 1826 ae. 80 (g.s.), son of Samuel and Mary (—) Webb; no issue.
- iii. Sarah, b. (say 1746); m. 7 Jan. 1768, Conklin Buckley, b. 17 June 1741, d. in 1816, son of Job and Dorcas (Conklin) Buckley.

151. Thomas⁴ Spencer (Thomas³, Thomas², Gerard¹), born at Saybrook, Conn., 26 Feb. 1708/9, died there in 1764; administration on estate, 7 Aug. 1764; married first, Deborah —, who died probably by 1755; married second, Submit (Strong) Hull, widow of Josiah Hull of Killingworth.

Baptisms of only the older children are found, as Thomas had joined the Baptists by 1745. Submit Spencer was appointed guardian to her children, Stephen, Submit, Mary, and Temperance, 6 Nov. 1764. When the estate of the daughter Anna was distributed in 1788, her brothers and sisters of the whole blood and half blood were specified.

Children by first wife:

- i. Michael⁵, bp. 25 Aug. 1734; d. 26 Jan. 1783 in 49th yr.; will 31 July 1782, proved 18 Feb. 1783; m. Hannah Wilcox, b. at Killingworth, 14 June 1734, dau. of Daniel (proved by Killingworth Deeds, 10:325).
Children:
 1. Michael⁶, b. 31 Jan. 1762; d. 29 Aug. 1840 ae. 78; res. Chester, then in Saybrook; m. 17 Feb. 1785, Mary Platts, b. 2 or 13 Oct. 1753, d. 24 Jan. 1832 ae. 78, dau. of Obadiah and Hannah (Lane) Platts. Children:
 - (1) Michael⁷, b. 29 Apr. 1786; m. 16 Sept. 1821, Miriam Bushnell.
 - (2) Obadiah, b. 20 June 1788; m. 12 Nov. 1818, Susanna Pratt.
 - (3) Mary, b. 13 Sept. 1791.
 - (4) Anna (twin), b. 13 Apr. 1793.
 - (5) Hannah (twin), b. 13 Apr. 1793.
 - (6) Melinda, b. 10 Sept. 1798; m. 23 Feb. 1825, Charles Smith.
 - (7) Jerusha H., b. 20 Apr. 1800; m. 21 Oct. 1830, John L'Hommedieu.

2. Dan (or Daniel), d. in 1815; m. at Chester, 30 Oct. 1791, Wealthy Warner, b. ca. 1770, dau. of Phineas and Eunice (Church) Warner; had 9 children.
3. Hannah, m. ——— Utter.
4. Deborah, b. 1759 (g.s.); d. at Winchester, Conn., 1834 (g.s.); m. John Church.
5. Anne.
6. Lucy.
- ii. Thomas, b. 16 Jan. 1735/6; bp. 22 Feb. 1735/6; d. at Winchester, Conn., 10 May 1807 ae. 71 (g.s.); m. at Westbrook, 10 Apr. 1760, Phebe Grenell, b. 20 July 1736, d. 22 Oct. 1812 ae. 77 (g.s.), dau. of George and Mary (Bull) Grenell. Children:
 1. Phebe^o, b. 20 Apr. 1761; bp. 8 May 1761; m. 7 Dec. 1780, Rev. John Sweet, from R.I.
 2. John, b. 18 Oct. 1762; bp. 31 Oct. 1762; d. at Vernon, Oneida Co., N.Y., 14 Feb. 1826 ae. 63; m. 14 Feb. 1793, Abigail Marshall, b. 12 July 1769, d. 12 July 1849 ae. 80, dau. of Abner and Hannah (Marshall) Marshall of Torrington; rem. 1800 to Peacham, Caledonia Co., Vt., later to Westmoreland and 1816 to Vernon, N.Y.; had 11 children (Annals of Winchester, p. 93-4).
 3. Chloe, b. 15 Dec. 1764; bp. 10 Feb. 1765; d. 16 May 1767.
 4. Thomas, b. 19 Nov. 1766; d. at Vernon, N.Y., ca. 1828; m. 28 May 1795, Lucy Hills, dau. of Hewitt Hills; had 9 children (Annals of Winchester, p. 95).
 5. Grenell, b. 9 Sept. 1768; d. at Winchester, 5 Mar. 1813 ae. 44 (g.s.); Captain; m. (1) Abigail Catlin, who d. 29 Aug. 1811 ae. 44 (g.s.); had 5 children (Annals of Winchester, p. 96); m. (2) a widow Case of Farmington.
 6. Chloe, b. 4 Dec. 1770; m. Oliver Coe, Jr., b. 7 Nov. 1764, d. at Hudson, Ohio, 14 Aug. 1825.
 7. Charlotte, b. 4 Apr. 1773; d. 15 July 1842; m. 3 Oct. 1792, Jonathan Coe, Jr., b. 23 Mar. 1770, d. 31 May 1849.
 8. Candace, b. 14 June 1775; d. 11 Jan. 1835; m. 17 Jan. 1798, Ashbel Munson, b. 6 June 1770, d. 19 Dec. 1841; res. Middlebury, Conn., rem. 1821 to Mentor, Lake Co., Ohio.
 9. Sylvia, b. 12 Apr. 1778; d. 27 Mar. 1800; m. 18 Oct. 1799, Dr. Truman "Spencer" Wetmore, b. 12 Aug. 1774, d. 21 July 1861.
 10. Huldah, b. 1 Oct. 1780; d. 10 July 1845; m. (1) 30 Dec. 1802, John Wetmore, 2d, b. 7 Oct. 1780, d. 12 Nov. 1823; m. (2) Jonathan Coe.
- iii. Deborah, bp. June 1737; d. 5 Aug. 1810 ae. 73; m. 11 Dec. 1763, Samuel Spencer (No. 150, 1).

- iv. Anna, bp. Nov. 1739; d. 3 July 1788 ae. 49 (g.s., Clinton, Conn.), unm.
- v. Phebe, bp. in 1741; d. 2 Nov. 1809 ae. 68 (g.s., Clinton); m. 24 Feb. 1761, Benjamin Carter.
- vi. Elisha, b. ca. 1744; d. at Colebrook, Conn., 3 May 1817; m. (1) Rachel Ranney, who d. after 17 Mar. 1772, dau. of Nathaniel (Middletown Deeds, 24:25); m. (2) in 1773, at Clinton, Mary Rossiter, dau. of John (Killingworth Deeds, 16:488). He came from Saybrook to Winchester, Conn., 1781, and rem. 1812 to Colebrook. Child by first wife:
 - 1. Ozias⁶, b. 1 Oct. 1769; d. 8 Apr. 1858; m. (1) 29 Sept. 1799, Hannah Shattuck, who d. 16 Oct. 1800; m. (2) 5 Oct. 1801, Mary Shattuck.
 Children by second wife:
 - 2. Ranney, b. 8 Sept. 1774; d. 21 Apr. 1839; res. Vermont; m. in 1796, Cynthia Walter.
 - 3. Elisha, b. 12 Nov. 1777; prob. res. Vt.; m.
- vii. Beulah, b. (say 1754); m. at Clinton, 14 Dec. 1775, Jedidiah Pierson, Jr., b. at Killingworth, 18 Feb 1756, d. there 23 May 1793; had 6 children.

Children by second wife:

- viii. Stephen, b. (say 1756); m. at Killingworth, 18 Jan. 1776, Elizabeth Turner, who d. Jan. 1815 ae. 60, bur. with son Ai in Rome, N.Y. He went to Winchester, Conn., and rem. 1800 to Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N.Y.; was of that place in 1802 when he conveyed Saybrook land (Saybrook Deeds, 9:607). Children:
 - 1. Elizabeth⁶, b. 30 Nov. 1777.
 - 2. Lovisa, b. 29 Dec. 1779; m. 28 Nov. 1795, Zachheus Munsill.
 - 3. Submit, b. 15 Nov. 1781.
 - 4. Sarah, b. 1 Sept. 1783.
 - 5. Ai, b. 25 Apr. 1786; d. 30 Aug. 1817 ae. 32, bur. Hamil Cem., Rome, Oneida Co., N.Y.
 - 6. Temperance, b. 20 Apr. 1789.
 - 7. Hannah, b. 10 Oct. 1795.
- ix. Submit.
- x. Mary.
- xi. Temperance.

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